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## Terms of reference

1. That:
  - (a) the [Companion Animals Amendment \(Puppy Farms\) Bill 2021](#) be referred to Portfolio Committee No. 7 - Planning and Environment for inquiry and report,
  - (b) the bill be referred to the committee at the conclusion of the mover's second reading speech,
  - (c) the resumption of the second reading debate on the bill not proceed until the tabling of the committee report,
  - (d) the committee report by 23 November 2021.

The terms of reference were referred to the committee by the Legislative Council on 19 October 2021.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 19 October 2021, p 2510

## Committee details

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## Chapter 1 Overview

- 1.1 The Companion Animals Amendment (Puppy Farms) Bill 2021 was introduced to the Legislative Council by the Hon Emma Hurst MLC on 13 October 2021.
- 1.2 The object of the bill, as set out in its explanatory note, is as follows:
- [T]o amend the Companion Animals Act 1998 to—
- (a) regulate the conduct of businesses breeding companion animals and other companion animal businesses, and
- (b) provide enforcement powers for the purposes of regulating the conduct of companion animal businesses.<sup>2</sup>
- 1.3 The bill was referred to the committee for inquiry and report on the recommendation of the Selection of Bills Committee on Tuesday 19 October 2021. The referral stipulated a reporting date of 23 November 2021.
- 1.4 When considering the conduct of the inquiry, the committee determined that due to capacity constraints and the number of inquiries the committee was currently managing, the committee was unable to undertake an inquiry into the Bill.
- 1.5 The committee returns the bill to the House for its consideration.

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<sup>2</sup> Companion Animals Amendment (Puppy Farms) Bill 2021, Explanatory Note, First Print, p. 1





