

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 2 – HEALTH

Inquiry into the use of primates and other animals in medical research in New South Wales

TERMS OF REFERENCE

That Portfolio Committee No. 2 - Health inquire into and report on the use of primates and other animals in medical research in New South Wales, and in particular:

- (a) the nature, purpose and effectiveness of medical research being conducted on animals in New South Wales, and the potential public health risks and benefits posed by this research;
- (b) the costs associated with animal research, and the extent to which the New South Wales and Federal Government is commissioning and funding the importing, breeding and use of animals in medical research in New South Wales;
- (c) the availability, effectiveness and funding for alternative approaches to animal research methods and technologies, and the ability of researchers to meet the 3 R's of Replacement, Reduction and Refinement;
- (d) the ethical and animal welfare issues surrounding the importing, breeding and use of animals in medical research;
- (e) the adequacy of the current regulatory regime regarding the use of animals in medical research, particularly in relation to transparency and accountability;
- (f) overseas developments regarding the regulation and use of animals in medical research;
- (g) any other related matters.

Committee membership

Hon Greg Donnelly MLC	Australian Labor Party	Chair
Hon Emma Hurst MLC	Animal Justice Party	Deputy Chair
Hon Lou Amato MLC	Liberal Party	
Ms Abigail Boyd MLC*	The Greens	
Hon Wes Fang MLC	The Nationals	
Hon Aileen MacDonald MLC**	Liberal Party	
Hon Walt Secord MLC	Australian Labor Party	

^{*} Ms Abigail Boyd MLC substituted for Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC from 27 April 2022 for the duration of the inquiry. Ms Abigail Boyd MLC was a participating member from 2 February 2022 to 26 April 2022.

^{**} The Hon Aileen MacDonald MLC replaced the Hon Chris Rath MLC as a substantive member of the committee from 16 August 2022. The Hon Chris Rath MLC replaced the Hon Shayne Mallard MLC as a substantive member of the committee from 29 March 2022. The Hon Shayne Mallard MLC replaced the Hon Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC as a substantive member of the committee from 25 January 2022.