



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO.4 - INDUSTRY

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

# **INQUIRY INTO PROVISIONS OF THE RIGHT TO FARM BILL 2019**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**26 September 2019**

An Upper House will be conducting an inquiry into the provisions of the Right to Farm Bill 2019, a bill currently in the Legislative Assembly.

The Right to Farm Bill 2019, a bill introduced by the NSW Government, aims to promote a farmer's 'right to farm'. If passed by the Parliament of New South Wales, the Bill will increase penalties and introduce new offences in relation to trespass under the *Inclosed Lands Protection Act 1901*. It will also prevent an action for the tort of nuisance being brought in relation to a commercial agricultural activity where it is occurring lawfully on agricultural land.

The Committee Chair, the Hon Mark Banasiak MLC, stated: "This inquiry will be an important part of the legislative process as it will consider whether the provisions of the Bill are adequate in meeting stakeholder's needs. The committee will have a hearing on Thursday 3 October 2019 to hear from key organisations in the sector, including representatives of the agricultural industry and animal welfare advocates".

Submissions are due by Tuesday 1 October 2019 and can be lodged via the committee's website: [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/portfoliocommittee4](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/portfoliocommittee4).

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