



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 55

**MEDIA RELEASE**

**INQUIRY INTO FERAL ANIMALS**

**PUBLIC HEARING ARMIDALE**

**WEDNESDAY, 3 APRIL 2002**

The Legislative Council's General Purpose Standing Committee No 5 will hold a public hearing on its inquiry into feral animals on **Wednesday, 3 April 2002**, in the **Armidale Ex-Services Club**, from **9.10am to 5.10pm**.

The Committee is looking into the damage caused by feral animals, the threat they pose to native flora and fauna, the adequacy of current control measures and how they can be improved.

"We want to hear from the people affected by and working with feral animals to learn what is and is not working to control feral animals so we can develop recommendations for practical improvements," the Honourable Richard Jones MLC, the Chair of the Committee said. "This inquiry provides a valuable opportunity to bring together the experience of those dealing with feral animals, government agencies and the latest scientific research in order to give an objective look at how best to reduce the damage feral animals are causing."

The Committee will also be looking at some of the land affected by feral animals in the region.

The Committee has already held a day's hearing in Cooma, two days' hearings in Sydney and looked at fox control programs in the Nowra region.

The terms of reference for the inquiry and a detailed list of witnesses and their appearance times are attached.

**The Committee encourages public participation in the inquiry process, with hearings being open to the public and the media.**

*For further information and comment please ring the Hon Richard Jones MLC,  
Chair of the Committee, on 02 9230 2858*