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New parliamentary inquiry into the use of primates and other animals in medical research in NSW

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A new Upper House inquiry is examining the use of primates and other animals in medical research in New South Wales.

Chair of Portfolio Committee No. 2 – Health, the Hon. Greg Donnelly MLC said: "Using animals for medical research has benefitted society, such as by allowing for the safety and effectiveness of medicines to be tested, however it is also important to consider the welfare of these animals. There may be opportunities to improve the framework governing how animals can be used in medical research, or to use alternative methods and technologies."

Through this inquiry, the committee will review medical research being conducted on animals in New South Wales and examine ethical and animal welfare issues, potential public health risks and benefits, economic costs, alternative research methods, the adequacy of the current regulatory regime, and the Australian and NSW Government's roles in facilitating medical research on animals and providing funding.

Mr Donnelly added, "We will look at recent international developments and examine how medical research on animals is regulated in other countries to inform how things could be improved in New South Wales."

The committee welcomes submissions from interested stakeholders and members of the public. Submissions are due by 31 March 2022.

For further information about the inquiry, and to view the terms of reference, visit the inquiry webpage at: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/inquiries/Pages/inquiry-details.aspx?pk=2857>. You can stay updated on the inquiry's progress by following the Upper House on Facebook via www.facebook.com/nswupperhouse.

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