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SELECT COMMITTEE ON PUPPY FARMING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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### Puppy farming inquiry to hold second hearing on 23 May 2022

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[19 May 2022]

The Upper House parliamentary inquiry into puppy farming in New South Wales will be holding its second public hearing on Monday 23 May 2022.

The hearing will commence at 9.45 am at Parliament House in Sydney and may be watched live online at [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au). Witnesses include puppy purchasers, foster carers, animal welfare groups, and council and government representatives.

Chair of the Committee, the Hon Mick Veitch MLC, acknowledged the considerable public interest in the inquiry, reflected in the more than 900 submissions received, in addition to over 6,000 responses to an online questionnaire. He thanked the many submission authors and questionnaire respondents for their invaluable contribution to the inquiry process.

"The Committee is looking forward to hearing from witnesses at the second hearing as we continue to gather evidence in relation to a number of matters concerning puppy farming – as well as the breeding of kittens – in NSW," Mr Veitch continued.

"This will inform our consideration of the Companion Animals Amendment (Puppy Farms) Bill 2021 as well as various animal protection and consumer protection issues associated with the sale of pets from puppy and kitten farms online and in pet shops. The committee is keen to hear how the current framework is operating in practice and how it may be improved."

"The Committee will utilise evidence from the many submissions that have been received as well as that received from witnesses at both hearings. We have also benefited from a visit to a regional breeding facility. The large body of evidence gathered will inform our report and recommendations for the NSW Government, expected to be handed down in August."

Information relating to the inquiry as well as the hearing schedule may be found at <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/listofcommittees/Pages/committee-details.aspx?pk=276>.

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