

# Attn: Portfolio Committee No. 2 – HEALTH

## Use of Primates and Other Animals in Medical Research In New South Wales

### **Response: Australia & New Zealand Laboratory Animals Association**

#### *Question on Notice:*

The CHAIR: I note the second to last paragraph on page 3 of your submission about what appears to be the withdrawal of—or the stopping of, for whatever reason—the TAFE course that was the qualification for persons wanting to work as an animal technician. Can you give the Committee a history of that? Is that something

that has happened recently?

KIRI COLLINS: I would have to take that question on notice as far as the specific date.

The CHAIR: The timing of it, yes.

#### *Response:*

ANZLAA can confirm the qualification equivalent to ACM50119 – Diploma of Animal Technology was withdrawn from NSW TAFE course offerings in 2017. Anecdotally, NSW ANZLAA members who were previous educators for this course have commented on the low number of students attributing to the course being removed from the offerings. To date, there have been no equivalent courses made available at TAFE NSW.