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Inquiry into pounds in New South Wales

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Members of the community are invited to contribute to a new parliamentary inquiry established to examine pounds in New South Wales. The Upper House committee is completing a comprehensive examination of pounds in New South Wales, looking at the adequacy of resourcing for pounds, as well as the state of their buildings and facilities.

The Hon Emma Hurst, Chair of the committee, explained: 'Every year, thousands of animals enter the pound system in New South Wales. Some may be there for weeks or months, while others may never make it out alive. Ensuring the welfare of these animals is paramount and the committee will be examining details such as the provision of housing, bedding, feeding, exercise, enrichment, veterinary treatment, vaccination and desexing of these animals. The committee will also be examining euthanasia rates and practices in pounds and any changes that should be implemented in this space from the State Government.'

Ms Hurst continued: 'This inquiry will also examine the relationship between New South Wales pounds and animal rescue organisations, as well as the adequacy of the laws currently governing pounds, to determine how these laws may be strengthened to ensure better outcomes for all animals'.

Have your say

The committee invites interested individuals and organisations to have their say through the simple [online questionnaire](#) or by making a full written submission via the 'submissions tab' on the inquiry [webpage](#).

The website contains further information about the inquiry, including the committee members and terms of reference. **Both the online questionnaire and submissions portal close on Friday 18 August 2023.**

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For further information please contact Committee Chair, Hon Emma Hurst MLC, on 9230 3462.