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SUBMISSIONS OPEN – INQUIRY INTO THE OPERATION OF APPROVED CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS UNDER THE *PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS ACT 1979*

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Portfolio Committee No. 4 has commenced its annual inquiry into the operation of the approved charitable organisations under the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979* (the Act).

The Chair of the committee, the Hon Mark Banasiak said: "This inquiry provides an opportunity for the committee to have oversight of the approved charitable organisations, currently RSCPA NSW and Animal Welfare League NSW, particularly in relation to their financial activities."

Mr Banasiak concluded: "The committee will look at the annual reports of these organisations and their financial statements, as well as how they have been exercising their compliance and enforcement functions under the Act."

The committee is calling for public submissions, which may be lodged via the [committee's website](#) until 20 February 2024. An online questionnaire has also been established and can be completed [here](#).

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For further information please contact Committee Chair, the Hon Mark Banasiak MLC, on (02) 9230 2573.