



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 8 – CUSTOMER SERVICE

MEDIA RELEASE

INQUIRY INTO POUNDS IN NSW – COMMITTEE TO VISIT POUNDS IN REGIONAL NSW – Orange, Bathurst and Cowra

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Portfolio Committee No. 8 – Customer Service has arranged site visits across Sydney and regional New South Wales, to further inform its inquiry into Pounds in NSW. These site visits provide the committee with the opportunity to directly observe the conditions in NSW pounds and further engage with local councils and their staff to better understand key challenges and identify potential recommendations.

To date, the committee has conducted three site visits, visiting the Sydney Dogs & Cats Homes facility in Strathfield, Rossmore Veterinary Hospital, and Blacktown Animal Rehoming Centre in April 2024. On the Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 July 2024, the committee will travel to regional NSW to visit Orange City Pound, the now-closed Bathurst Small Animal Pound, the newly opened Bathurst Animal Rehoming Centre and Cowra Pound.

Ahead of these visits, Committee Chair, Hon Emma Hurst MLC said: 'The committee is eager to better understand the key issues and challenges in regional communities and, in doing so, identify strategies to improve conditions in regional pounds and reduce the number of animals that end up in pounds.'

Further information about the committees' inquiry is available on the inquiry [webpage](#). The website contains further information about the inquiry, including the committee members and terms of reference.

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