

Hearing Schedule

NSW Legislative Council

Animal Welfare Committee



Inquiry into Licences to harm native animals

9 February 2026

Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney

TIME	WITNESS	POSITION AND ORGANISATION	SUB NO.
9:00 am	Dr Renae Charalambous	Program Manager, Wildlife Policy, Humane World for Animals	151
	Ms Nicola Beynon	Campaign Director, Humane World for Animals	
	Mr Evan Quartermain	Programs Director, Humane World for Animals	
9:45 am	Mr Neal Finch	Executive Officer, Australian Wild Game Industry Council	121
10:15 am	Ms Tara Ward (<i>via videoconference</i>)	Managing Solicitor, Animal Defenders Office	207
	Dr Elizabeth Arnott	Chief Veterinarian, RSPCA NSW	161
	Dr Sarah Simpson	Veterinary Policy and Project Officer, RSPCA NSW	
11:00 am	MORNING TEA		
11:30 am	Dr Tanya Eldridge	Co-Founder, Dhuurubi Budjaan Advisory	56
	Mr Greg Smart	Back to Country	-
	Mr Bob Young	Back to Country	-
	Ms Crystal Arnold	Back to Country	-
12:15 pm	Ms Louise Ward	Program Lead, Four Paws	84
	Miss Alix Livingstone (<i>via videoconference</i>)	Founding Director, Defend the Wild	-
	Miss Caitlee Wilson (<i>via videoconference</i>)	Co-founder, Defend the Wild	-
1:00 pm	LUNCH		
2:00 pm	Dr Colin Salter	Policy Lead, WIRES	168
	Mr Matt Godwin	Emergency Response Manager, WIRES	
	Ms Margaret (Meg) McDonald	Board Secretary, Sydney Wildlife Rescue	143
	Ms Jessica (Jess) Crause	Board Member for Media, Marketing and Fundraising, Chair of the Central Branch, Sydney Wildlife Rescue	
2:45 pm	Mr Gary Dunnett	Chief Executive Officer, National Parks Association of NSW	125

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TIME	WITNESS	POSITION AND ORGANISATION	SUB No.
3.15 pm	Ms Christie Jarrett	Wildlife Carer	57
	Ms Amanda Cox (<i>via videoconference</i>)	Chairperson, Wombat Protection Society	85
	Mr Peter Day (<i>via videoconference</i>)	President, Badgerys Creek Wildlife Sanctuary	169
4.15 pm	Mr Adam Gilligan	Chief Regulatory Officer, Biodiversity and Heritage Regulator, Conservation Programs, Heritage and Regulation, NSW Government	83
	Mr David Crust	Director, Blue Mountains, National Parks and Wildlife Service	
5.15 pm	FINISH		

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