

# 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<br>( <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 | <b>MORNING TEA</b>                                      |  |         |
| 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<br>( <i>via videoconference</i> ) | Founding Director, Defend the Wild   | -       |
|          | Miss Caitlee Wilson<br>( <i>via videoconference</i> )   | Co-founder, Defend the Wild  | -       |
| 1:00 pm  | <b>LUNCH</b>  |  |         |
| 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) Crouse                                | 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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| 3.15 pm | Ms Christie Jarrett                    | Wildlife Carer  | <a href="#">57</a>  |
|         | Ms Amanda Cox<br>(via videoconference) | Chairperson, Wombat Protection Society  | <a href="#">85</a>  |
|         | Mr Peter Day<br>(via videoconference)  | President, Badgerys Creek Wildlife Sanctuary  | <a href="#">169</a> |
| 4.15 pm | Mr Adam Gilligan                       | Chief Regulatory Officer, Biodiversity and Heritage Regulator, Conservation Programs, Heritage and Regulation, NSW Government | <a href="#">83</a>  |
|         | Mr David Crust                         | Director, Blue Mountains, National Parks and Wildlife Service   |                     |
| 5.15 pm | FINISH                                 |   |                     |

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