



PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA – COMMITTEES

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ECONOMY AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

### Terms of Reference

59th Parliament

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### **Inquiry into the Impact of Animal Rights Activism on Victorian Agriculture**

**On 1 May 2019, the Legislative Council agreed to the following motion:**

That this House requires the Economy and Infrastructure Committee to inquire into, consider and report, by Thursday, 28 November 2019, on the effectiveness of legislation and other measures to prevent and deter activities by unauthorised persons on agricultural and associated industries and in particular, the Committee should —

1. consider —

- a. the type and prevalence of unauthorised activity on Victorian farms and related industries, and the application of existing legislation;
- b. the workplace health and safety and biosecurity risks, and potential impacts of animal activist activity on Victorian farms, to Victoria's economy and international reputation;
- c. animal activists' compliance with the Livestock Disease Control Act 1994, Livestock Management Act 2010, and the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986;
- d. the civil or criminal liability of individuals and organisations who promote or organise participation in unauthorised animal activism activities;
- e. analyse the incidences and responses of other jurisdictions in Australia and internationally; and
- f. provide recommendations on how the Victorian Government and industry could improve protections for farmers' privacy, businesses, and the integrity of our biosecurity system and animal welfare outcomes, whether through law reform or other measures.

\*The reporting date for this inquiry has been changed to **1 February 2020**