



Terms of Reference

Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee

Inquiry into pig welfare in Victoria

On 25 May 2023, the Economy and Infrastructure Committee agreed to the following self-referral motion:

That the Economy and Infrastructure Committee inquire into, consider and report by 31 May 2024 on farmed pig welfare in Victoria, in particular the Committee should consider:

- (1) the scope, application, compliance with and enforcement of relevant existing regulatory frameworks and their ability to promote pig welfare outcomes;
- (2) the ability of the most common methods used to stun pigs before slaughter (including electrical stunning and exposure to high concentrations of carbon dioxide gas) in Victorian slaughterhouses to minimise pain, suffering and distress and prevent injury, and available alternatives;
- (3) the outcomes of the 2017 industry-led phase out on the use of sow stalls;
- (4) current industry breeding and housing practices particularly the use of different forms of confinement;
- (5) international comparisons to determine industry adherence to best practice standards; and
- (6) any other relevant matter.

On 27 May 2024, the Legislative Council resolved to extend the reporting date to 20 June 2024