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NSW Upper House committee seeking submissions on veterinary workforce shortage in New South Wales

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The Upper House Portfolio Committee No. 4 – Regional NSW is now [seeking submissions](#) for its newly established inquiry into the veterinary workforce shortage in New South Wales.

The inquiry will investigate workforce shortages across all aspects of veterinary practice, including small and large animal practice, government, academia, research, industry and pathology.

The inquiry was established following media coverage about burn-out in the veterinary profession. There are also reports of workforce shortages, and increased demands for veterinary care due to factors such as growing pet ownership.

The Chair, Mr Banasiak said: "The committee would like to hear from vets, vet nurses, pet owners, farmers, industry and others about the factors that may be impacting access to veterinary care. We are also interested in learning about issues which may impact on the veterinary workforce in Australia, including aspects of the current legislative and regulatory framework."

Have your say

Submissions may be made via the committee's [website](#) until **21 July 2023**.

Further information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference is also available on the website.

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For further information please contact Committee Chair, Mr Mark Banasiak, on 9230 3511