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Submission on proposed Agriculture and Forestry Legislation Amendment Bill 2013

Animal Care and Protection Act 2001

Animal Liberation Queensland (ALQ) welcomes the proposed increase to the maximum penalty for animal cruelty offences. It is recognised however that it is currently only in the rarest occasions that courts deliver the maximum penalty for animal cruelty offences.

Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008

ALQ has concerns around the proposed changes to the Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008. Deferring the responsibility to councils for cat registration will mean that many councils may not continue cat registration. This will lead to an increase in unregistered cats which may contribute to an increase in the feral cat population and/or an increase in cat euthanasia rates. While ALQ recognises the shortcomings of current mandatory cat registration requirements, we would encourage the Queensland Government to take additional steps to lower euthanasia rates of cats and dogs in Queensland in its place.

We also have concerns around what the simultaneous dangerous dog/destruction orders will mean in practice. We would appreciate further information and justification regarding this proposed change.

ALQ fails to see how either of these changes to the Animal Management Act will be beneficial to individual animals, native wildlife, or animal 'owners'.

Yours sincerely



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