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Legal Affairs, Police, Corrective Services, and Emergency Services Committee
Parliament House
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Via Email: lapcsesc@parliament.qld.gov.au

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Law Reform Amendment Bill 2011

RSPCA Qld appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to the Criminal Code introducing the new offence of dangerous management of a dog resulting in death or grievous bodily harm.

The RSPCA supports responsible dog ownership which includes appropriate training and management of dogs. In most cases when a dog behaves in a fashion which represents a risk to other animals or people it is not the dog's fault but due to the person responsible for the dog not assuming appropriate care and responsibility. The dog may in fact pose a danger because of omissions of proper care or actions taken by the responsible person against the welfare of that dog. The RSPCA deplores such actions by people against an animal. Unfortunately, it is the dog that usually has to pay the ultimate price. This proposed change places the onus of responsibility where it belongs, the person responsible for the dog.

We hope that these changes, along with accompanying awareness and education about responsible dog ownership, will reduce the likelihood of dog attacks in our communities and improve the welfare of all dogs through responsible ownership.

If you require any further comment please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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