

Body Corporate and Community Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2023

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Hi, my name is [REDACTED]. I'm just writing in regards to the BCCM amendment bill 2023. The only concern I have with the bill is regarding the changes to the keeping of pets on strata titles. The information I've been sent suggests that with the new legislation there will be no restrictions on the number of pets a unit can keep and no restrictions on the size of those pets. Given that with most strata titles the units tend to be quite dense and either have very small courtyards or even no court yards, to have no restrictions on the number or size of pets that can be kept just seems ridiculous. Aside from the obvious noise issues that allowing dogs onto these strata schemes will create, there is the obvious welfare issues for the animals themselves. Are you telling me that someone can own one or more large dogs and keep them in a tiny courtyard and that the body corporate will have little power to stop them. I don't think there should be a blanket ban on the keeping of pets, but there should certainly be restrictions on the number and size of the animals that can be kept, particularly with dogs. There's nothing worse than having your neighbours dog barking at one or two in the morning, but given the density of strata schemes and the number of pets that could potentially be kept, this doesn't seem feasible or reasonable. Body corporates' should have the power to quickly deal with such issues when they arise, it shouldn't have to be dragged through the courts.

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