

## Body Corporate and Community Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2023

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**Submitter Comments:**

I commend the work being done to clarify a number of points for the smooth functioning of Body Corporates. I would like to raise a concern with respect to the changes being proposed for pets. Notwithstanding the ability for a committee to reasonably refuse permission for a resident to have a pet on specific grounds (eg health), it does appear to me that the pendulum has swung too far in that there seems to be no provision for a democratic vote in a building, where the majority could choose to live pet free. While respecting the love that many Australians, including myself have for pets, especially dogs and cats, there are and would be in future, many people (including where I live now) who would prefer a CHOICE to not have pets in a high rise (This provision exists in some other countries eg USA).As currently drafted, a person wanting to live in a high rise, or similar, has no choice about pets (other than to not live in a high rise) yet those wanting to have a pet have endless choices. This significantly discriminates against those who would choose a pet free lifestyle.I respectfully ask that consideration be given for a high rise building to be designated pet free (other for an EXISTING resident who ultimately need a Guide a assistance dogs of course) via majority vote or as designated at design/construction by a developer.