

Inquiry into the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022

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- Prohibit the use of choke collars in Queensland (Petition no. 3531-21)

STAKEHOLDER CONCERNS

These three petitions were made to the Hon. Mark Furner, with closing dates in May 2021 and a response due date in June 2021. I wish to note that, since the closing of these petitions, there has been no opportunity provided to relevant stakeholders or the community to be surveyed on these matters. All three petitions listed above closed on 23rd May 2021. The closing date for feedback on the review of the Animal Protection and Care Act (2001), as detailed in the Outcomes Report, was 21st May 2021.

It is my belief that by not conducting a thorough consultation with key community stakeholders, that the broader impacts and possible repercussions of a blanket ban on training tools and restraints, have not been considered, and these impacts may negatively affect the welfare of dogs and the industry within our community.

Not only do these amendments detailed in Division 5, Section 37A, Subsection (1) of the act directly impact my capacity in the work that I do within organisations and the community, but also impact stakeholders and clients I work with by limiting rehabilitation outcomes with a concerning potential to impact canine welfare.

As a member of your electorate, I'm asking that I be heard and that mine, along with other key community stakeholders' concerns are addressed. Specifically, I ask that you vote against these amendments until a proper and thorough community consultation has been conducted.

I leave you with an excerpt from section 1.2 of Queensland Government Guide to Better Regulation.

"The depth of analysis and consultation undertaken for a proposal should be proportional to the complexity and significance of the problem and the size of the potential impacts."

Considering the potential impacts have not been considered, I do not believe 'best practice' has been followed. I encourage the Queensland Government to consult stakeholders like myself to properly analyse the complexity of the issue and it's potential impacts.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email. I welcome further discussion should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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