

Inquiry into the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022

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Any training tool can be misused to harm a dog. While prong collars "look" barbaric, the same argument can be used to describe tools at your dentist. A prong collar will only cause harm to a dog if used incorrectly just as a flat collar will also cause harm if used incorrectly. Sometimes corrective tools are necessary to fix a dogs behaviour when reward based tools do not work. Not all dogs are the same. The tools used to train a Golden Retriever and the tools used to train a Belgian Malinois are radically different. The vast majority of "concerned citizens" have never had to rehabilitate a dangerous dog. They've never owned a working breed. They believe because they taught their Labrador how to sit they are expert dog trainers, meanwhile the ACTUAL expert dog trainers that see the most aggressive and dangerous dogs in the country frequently use prong collars for rehabilitation. Without prong collars these dogs WILL be euthanised. That is not hyperbolic, that is simply fact. Apparently the Queensland government would prefer these dogs dead than trained? I think the dog would prefer to wear a prong collar. It should also be noted that the police force and military both use prong collars extensively in the training of their dogs. According to the Queensland government the military and police are abusing their dogs. I would like to see the premiere say that to the face of the dog handlers who work with those dogs every day under stress and in dangerous situations. The Queensland government needs to stop listening to animal activist groups and listen to expert dog trainers that are the ones that will be telling their clients they need to euthanise their pets if these effective training tools aren't available.