

Inquiry into the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022

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To whomever reads these, i am messaging regarding the post today about pronged collars being banned. In 2015 I adopted a dog who had a rough upbringing leaving him reactive to other dogs, we sought a trainer who specialises in reactivity. When we met her she suggested a prong collar, I was apprehensive at first but we had to try something- having a reactive dog who is much stronger than me is dangerous he would pull me all over our walks. We put it on and he was a completely different dog, he didnt pull anymore at all. We tried the collar round our arms and even our own necks and found it was not painful. Our collar was fitted by the trainer and she demonstrated safe useage. We worked with her for 2 years and our dog eventually became the "star pupil" of the reactive class. He was able to trust us to protect him from other dogs and showed rare reactive moments. He has now been using a prong collar for 4 years safely. I am incredibly sadden by their complete ban as this will mean that he will no longer be able to go anywhere as we will no longer have a safe walking tool for him and others. I understand the crack down on incorrect use however this will affect many people- our reactive dog class had 12 dogs all wearing one for safety reasons. Would you consider exemptions? Paperwork from trainers or owners to show photographs of correct useage and explanations as to why this is needed for certain dogs? I can assure you it is not cruel in every circumstance. Our dog happily wears it and LOVES walks. It breaks my heart that my dog who I love with everything I have will now no longer able to leave our home for fear that we will now have no way to ensure his safety and others safety. We have used harnesses in the past- these promote pulling due to their position and dogs urge to pull, we have used chain collars which are more unsafe as they press against the windpipe and create a choking effect (prong collars have a plate to protect the windpipe). I wish I could show you the

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difference in our dog from the use of the
trainer AND the training tools.

