

Inquiry into the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022

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Page 17 under Division 5, 37A, 1 states "A person must not possess any of the following devices (each a prohibited device) unless the person has a reasonable excuse— (b) another restraint device prescribed by regulation" and then the definition "restraint device means a device fitted to an animal for the purpose of restraining it. Examples— collars, leads, harnesses, muzzles, halters" is at the bottom of the page. This infers we will no longer be allowed to legally use collars, leads and harnesses on our dogs. The definition is far too broad about which devices are ok and which are not. We are told our dogs need to be on lead unless in a designated off-leash area but this bill amendment states we'll be fined if we use leads, collars and harnesses. Please be more specific in the definition about which restraint devices are prohibited.