

Inquiry into the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022

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The wording around restraint is much too broad and vague. As a greyhound owner the use of a martingale collar ensure that a greyhound cannot slip their collar which is very likely with the standard collars. Also how is one to keep a dog under control without collars, leads, harnesses, muzzles, halters restraint device means a device fitted to an animal for the purpose of restraining it. Examples—collars, leads, harnesses, muzzles, halters This is further confused by section 37A(1)(b) and 37A(2) 37A Possession or use of prohibited devices (1) A person must not possess any of the following devices (each a prohibited device) unless the person has a reasonable excuse—(a) a prong collar; (b) another restraint device prescribed by regulation. Maximum penalty—30 penalty units. (2) A person must not use a prohibited device on an animal unless the person has a reasonable excuse. Maximum penalty—100 penalty units. As a lay person it really reads like I will have to justify my use of a martingale collar, harness and lead when I take my greyhound places. That if I cannot, to some level I am not aware of, I am going to be fine a lot of money or potentially have jail time. I have no issue if you want to prohibit the use of prone collars but let the legislation be specific about what sort of restraint is illegal.