

Inquiry into the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022

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Never have I heard a plan as crazy as this. How are responsible pet owners supposed to take their dogs for a walk without a collar, leash, harness etc. How are vets today operate safely without being able to muzzle a dog that's nervous or anxious about procedures needing to be undertaken for its safety. How are qualified trainers supposed to assist in the rehabilitation of dogs without being able to use any of the tools available to them. As per typical, the government has taken a knee jerk reaction to the minority (idiots who may miss use training aids) and slapped the majority with ridiculous band that serve no purpose than to force people to abandon companion animals all together. Many many people would like to know why the qld government did not follow their own set out "best practice" processes to get to this point of stupidity? "The COAG Best Practice Principles for Better Regulation May 2019" states that the government would consult with affected stake holders at all stages of the regulatory cycle. (Pretty sure no trainer in their right mind would agree to banning these items.) Ensuring that the government is effective and proportional to the issue being addressed... In the review that took place of the animal care and protection act in May of 2021 there was NO MENTION of banning training of any kind! Considering a range of feasible policy options... pretty sure it's not feasible to have dogs running off leash everywhere, not under effective control and generally causing mayhem. Nor is it feasible to have dogs locked in houses/back yards with no quality of life because most people aren't capable of being able to train their dogs to high level obedience to take them out on a simple walk. Which leads me to the 4th point of your best practice principles for decisions on policy change - adopting the option that generates the greatest net benefit for the community. Excellent. Let's ban all restraint devices and watch every joe average's dog get put to sleep cause it bit someone's child while it want on a leash cause leashes are banned... Anyone would think the QLD government wants to follow the minority in PETA and completely ban companion animals. What a sad place to live. Your decisions must be reviewed. Relevant stakeholders MUST be engaged and the government must be educated on the tools they're trying to ban before making crazy blanket bans such as these. You're own best practice was not followed. There was no mention of banning restraint devices during the review in 2021. Spend the time to speak to industry leaders. Spend the time educating the general public. Ban stupidity instead of common sense.