

Inquiry into the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022

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I am a devoted dog owner. I attend weekly dog obedience classes to ensure my animals are well trained & responsible dog citizens. Both dogs are domestic pets. As part of obedience training & with the guidance of a trainer professional, I use prong collars with both dogs when on lead (only) - this has been an integral element in training my pets. I sew the collar like using seat belts in cars... if you crash the seatbelt might leave a minor/temporary mark but it will save your life!! If I thought prong collars, used responsibly causes any harm to my pets - I would not use them!!!! I respect those committed to animal welfare but believe a total ban on this training tool (when used as part of a professional training program) would be disadvantaging dogs & impact their owner's ability to train them well so they can engage fully in life. Please take time to consider this issue closely - a total ban is not the answer. Some regulation on use eg only available to owners working with reputable dog trainers might be an acceptable compromise. I believe the evidence for the benefits prong collars (as part of a training regimen) is substantial. I consider myself a moderate, considered, compassionate person - I have a tertiary level education & work in healthcare. I would not use a prong collar if it harmed my animals.