

Inquiry into the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022

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I have been incredibly surprised at the backlash against the proposed prong collar ban. Especially from trainers who have the skills to train a dog without inflicting pain on it. I run a dog training business called Puppy Pastimes, compete in dog agility, have fostered dogs and have a passion for learning how to be a better trainer for my 3 border collies. All of my research, since I first heard about the concept of positive reinforcement 11 years ago, has shown me that trainers do not need to inflict pain on an animal to train it. I would compare using a prong collar to fad diets. You might get fast results but you are not getting to the real issue and are likely to end up with more issues than you started with. I fully support the ban on prong collars. I don't know why anyone would choose to use training methods involving pain especially those who love dogs so much that they make a career out of training. It saddens me that trainers who are told "there is another way" are not willing to listen and learn. I would think if someone told me I could get the same result using pain or no pain, any dog lover would choose pain free. Instead of saying "please teach me", these pro-prong trainers are saying "you're wrong, we need these collars".