

**Inquiry into the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022**

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I am showing my support for the bill division 5 37A. Prong collars can result in side effects such as depression, disempowerment, redirected aggression, deterioration of social relationships, and more. Use pain and fear-inducing methods on a dog for long enough, and you can see a significant decrease in that dog's quality of life, energy, and health. Even properly fitted prong collars dig into the sensitive skin around the neck, risking severe damage to the thyroid, esophagus, and trachea. People who use them claim they don't hurt the dog. If that's the case how do they work? To change a behaviour you either have to use a positive or negative stimulus, it can't be neutral or the behaviour doesn't change. So a prong collar is a negative as it uses something unpleasant or punishing, to stop an unwanted behaviour (constantly digging a spike into a dog's neck). The only people who advocate these tools haven't updated their skills since the 1970's. Where would we be today if the whole world stopped progressing and continued to live in the past?