

Inquiry into the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022

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I fully support the changes proposed in the Amendment but also believe that the review has missed a vital opportunity to incorporate specific offences in relation to tethering of dogs as are included in other state Acts such as POCTAA in NSW. Tethering a dog as a means of housing is detrimental to their mental and physiological health and community expectations are that this should be a specific offence, not merely considered under Section 17 offences relating to display of normal patterns of behaviour. Creating a specific offence for tethering would allow animal welfare officers to enforce compliance and also signal to the community at large that tethering is never an appropriate means of housing a dog.