

Agriculture and Fisheries and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2023

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I am an ALP member of 21 years and I cannot believe this is how the QLD ALP Gov think this legislation is going to reduce dog attacks. Many Queenslanders own mixed bully breeds (myself included) and they are well socialised and valued members of the family. Any dog of any breed is capable of attacking. We cannot continue to blame certain breeds of dogs. A well socialised and trained dog is no threat to anyone. I have been involved in dog rescue for many years and have helped rehome over 600 dogs from Warwick and Stanthorpe pounds. Not once have I been attacked by any of the breeds listed below. I have been bitten by much smaller breeds during transport runs. We need to increase penalties against irresponsible owners and move away from blaming breeds. Many of our rescue bully breeds have been rehomed as companion dogs without concern. I am aware that my desexed female may have bully mix in her... but she is a very gentle girl and is much loved and welcomed at many work rallies and community events we attend. She does not deserve to fall into this category and I do not deserve to be labeled a bad dog owner. This is a knee jerk reaction and will do nothing except upset voters who do the right thing and love their pets. I can assure you that this will become an election issue next year if you expect people like myself who do the right thing have to give up their much loved and well behaved Pets. My dog will not be going anywhere as she is my child. I would not be the only voting Queenslander who feels this way. I have no doubt that the community would get behind ALP if they increase penalties for irresponsible dog owners and backyard breeders, but banking these breeds and not making it clear what happens to current breed owners is disgusting and stressful: I am aware who's on the committee and hope that some common sense is applied when addressing this issue Jane - United Workers Union and dog rescue transport for SEQ