

State Development and Regional Industries Committee

Report No. 23

Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022

Queensland Government Response

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Introduction

On 12 May 2022, the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022 (the Bill) was introduced into the Legislative Assembly by the Hon Mark Furner MP, Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Communities.

The Bill was referred to the State Development and Regional Industries Committee (the Committee) which was required to report back to the Legislative Assembly by 1 July 2022.

On 1 July 2022, the Committee tabled its report in the Legislative Assembly. The Committee recommended that the Bill be passed (Recommendation 1) and made two additional recommendations.

The Queensland Government's response to the Committee's recommendations in the Report directed to the Government is provided below.

RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries continue to work with colleagues in the Australian Government, as appropriate, in relation to the prohibition on the import of dog collars incorporating protrusions designed to puncture or bruise an animal's skin.

Queensland Government response

The Queensland Government **supports** recommendation 2 and will continue to work with colleagues in the Australian Government in relation to the prohibition on the import of dog collars incorporating protrusions designed to puncture or bruise an animal's skin.

Recommendation 3

The committee recommends that the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries continue to implement Queensland Audit Office recommendations in full, and actively monitor and assess the performance of RSPCA Queensland in meeting its obligations under any Activity Agreement for delivering inspectorate services for the state.

Queensland Government response

The Queensland Government **supports** recommendation 3 and will continue to implement the Queensland Audit Office recommendations in full including active monitoring and assessment of the performance of RSPCA Queensland in meeting its obligations under any Activity Agreement for delivering inspectorate services for the State.