



The Hon Mark Furner MP
Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries
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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I write in response to your six letters dated 26 May 2021 regarding the following petitions tabled in Parliament on 25 May 2021:

- Petition 3499-21 – Make shelter mandatory for all farmed animals.
- Petition 3501-21 – Tethering of dogs must be prohibited.
- Petition 3515-21 – Continue the use of all methods, including dogs, to control feral pigs.
- Petition 3526-21 – Ban the use of shock collars on dogs.
- Petition 3530-21 – Illegal to import - prohibit the use of prong collars in Queensland.
- Petition 3531-21 – Prohibit the use of choke collars in Queensland.

The following response applies to each of the abovementioned petitions.

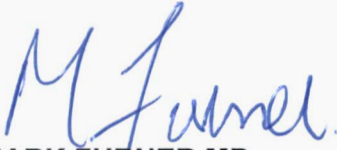
The Palaszczuk Government is committed to providing legislation and standards that protect the welfare of animals in Queensland and meet the expectations of the community. On 8 December 2020, I announced a full review of the *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001* (ACPA). On 4 April 2021 a discussion paper on the review of the ACPA was released for public consultation.

The consultation period for the discussion paper closed at midnight on 21 May 2021. Just over 900 written submissions and 1 500 online survey responses were received from the community and stakeholders regarding the issues raised in the Discussion Paper and other aspects of the ACPA. The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries is assessing and reviewing the responses and submissions and will develop policy proposals for amendments to the ACPA.

I understand that the issues raised in each of the petitions will be considered as part of the review of the ACPA.

I thank the petitioners for raising these issues, and I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely



MARK FURNER MP

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