



The Hon Mark Furner MP  
Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries  
and Minister for Rural Communities

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Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Queensland Parliamentary Services  
Parliament House  
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BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I write in response to your letter of 31 March 2022 regarding the petition received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly No. 3685-22 on 29 March 2022: *Prohibit the use of shock/electric dog collars*. The petition requests banning the use of electric collars with penalties to be introduced for their importation, sale or use in Queensland and for all electric collars to be surrendered.

The petition requests removal of any provisions within the *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001* (ACPA) that permit the use of an electric collar on a dog and implement legislation to prohibit the use of electric or e-collars.

I acknowledge the ongoing interest of the community in this issue, having responded to a petition in June 2021 (3526-21) which made an identical request.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to providing standards and legislation which protect the welfare of all animals in Queensland, and which meet community expectations.

The ACPA is currently under review and the issue of electric/shock collars is included in that review. Public consultation on a Discussion Paper was undertaken in April–May 2021, and a Bill to implement the outcomes of the review is currently being prepared. The next step will be to introduce the Bill into Parliament.

I thank the petitioners for raising this issue and encourage them to monitor <https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/business-priorities/biosecurity/animal-biosecurity-welfare/welfare-ethics/review-of-the-animal-care-and-protection-act-2001> for updates on the progress of the review.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Furner'.

**MARK FURNER MP**

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