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Mr Neil Laurie  
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Dear Mr Laurie

I write in response to your letter of 31 March 2022 regarding the petition received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly No. 3686-22 on 29 March 2022, entitled *Prohibit the use of choke collars in Queensland*. The petition requests banning the use of choke collars with penalties to be introduced for their importation, sale or use in Queensland and for all choke collars to be surrendered.

I acknowledge the ongoing interest of the community in this issue, having responded to a petition in June 2021 (3531-21) 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 *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001* (ACPA) is currently under review and the issue of choke collars is included in the review of the ACPA. 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 the web page <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 that reads "M Furner".

**MARK FURNER MP**  
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