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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I write in response to your letter dated 31 March 2022 regarding the petition received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly No. 3687-22 on 29 March 2022, entitled *Illegal to import – Prohibit the use of prong collars in Queensland*. The petition requests banning the use of all pronged collars, with all pronged collars to be surrendered and with penalties applying for the sale and use of pronged collars in Queensland.

I acknowledge the ongoing interest of the community in this issue, having responded to a petition in June 2021 (3530-21) 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 pronged 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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