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Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 31 August 2022 regarding the petition received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly No. 3736-22 on 30 August 2022: *Illegal to import – Prohibit the use of prong collars in Queensland*.

The petition requests to amend the *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001* (the Act) to prohibit the use and possession of prong collars.

I thank the petitioners for raising this issue and acknowledge the ongoing interest of the community on this matter, having responded to petitions in May 2021 (3530-21) and March 2022 (3687-22) which made identical requests.

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 recent review of the Act considered relevant research, submissions and petitions from members of the community about pronged collars and the effective alternatives available. On balance, it was decided to amend the Act to prohibit the use and possession of pronged collars in Queensland.

On 12 May 2022, I introduced the Animal Care and Protection Amendment Bill 2022 (the Bill) to the Legislative Assembly. The Legislative Assembly referred the Bill to the State Development and Regional Industries Committee, which has since recommended the Bill be passed. The Legislative Assembly will debate the Bill in due course.

If you require further information, please contact my office on 07 3719 7420.

Yours sincerely

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

**MARK FURNER MP**

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