

Thank you for providing a consultation draft of the <u>Dog Control Amendment Bill</u> 2019.

I support new offence provisions for instances where a dog injures or kills wildlife, which would carry a fine of up to 30 penalty units. I believe penalties should also be increased significantly for taking a dog into a prohibited area.

Use of restricted area zoning by Councils is common, however enforcement is unfortunately inadequate in these areas generally to protect wildlife from dog owners who disrespect the rules. I suggest the penalty provisions for contravention in restricted areas is increased to 15 penalty units.

yours faithfully

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