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Dear Mr. Shelton,

Regarding the Draft Dog Control Amendment Bill 2019, as an organisation which promotes responsible dog ownership we support the increase of fines for dogs killing wildlife and the use of DNA as proof of identity. We also suggest that the installation of cameras at sensitive wildlife areas would increase the likelihood of accurate identification and act as an additional encouragement for nearby dog owners to keep their pets safely and securely contained at all times.

We are concerned, however, that some groups may use this new Section 19AB of the Principal Act to try to limit access to public spaces for dog walking. We would hate to see this used to supersede relevant sections of a Council's Dog Management Policy in less environmentally sensitive areas. Therefore we would appreciate it if this possibility could be addressed in your final amendments.

We also support the proposed amendments to Section 18 of the Principal Act regarding the effective control of greyhounds. The sooner Councils can allow greyhounds to be treated in the same manner as all other breeds when in a public place the better.

We also appreciate the removal of the restrictions on greyhounds on private premises as long as they are under effective control.

Yours faithfully,

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