The Tasmanian Division of the Australian Veterinary Association (AVA) supports the proposed amendments to the Dog Control Act 2000 as detailed in the Draft Dog Control Amendment Bill 2019. The Division in particular supports efforts to encourage responsible pet ownership and reduce the risk of predation to native fauna as detailed in AVA Policy – *The responsible ownership of dogs and cats and the human-animal bond*. <u>https://www.ava.com.au/policy-advocacy/policies/companion-animals-management-and-welfare/the-responsible-ownership-of-dogs-and-cats-and-the-human-animal-bond/</u>