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To: [Local Government Division \(DPaC\)](#)

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A maximum fine of \$5040 to a dog owner who allows their animal to kill native wildlife is manifestly inadequate and very unlikely to deter this sort of negligent behaviour.

To put this in context, if a person is cruel to the same dog, they face a maximum penalty of 1.5 years in jail, or a fine of \$26 000. I believe this is a more realistic penalty if your real goal is to protect native wildlife and treat this issue seriously.

If the same dog owner happens to be questioned by police in relation to their dog killing penguins, and the officers happened to find him or her in possession of cannabis, they could face a fine of 50 penalty points (\$8400) or two years in jail, or both.

The implication here is clear - negligent owners will get a light slap on the wrist when they allow their dogs to kill defenseless native wildlife and the government is doing nothing to protect them.

Come on politicians, get serious about this issue and put an end to this needless and cruel slaughter of Tasmania's penguins.

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