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Dog Control Amendment Bill 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

Birdlife Tasmania applauds the Tasmanian Government for introducing new provisions to the Dog Control Act 2000. The proposed amendments should provide greater deterrence to dog owners who fail to control their dogs.

BirdLife Tasmania proposes that other penalties must be included:

- Jail for dog owners involved in repeat offences, and
- Increasing penalties further so that the more severe the offence the greater the fine. Fines in excess of \$10,000 should be considered for significant wildlife mortality events.

Enforcement to ensure compliance is critical, with additional resources and funding for land managers (Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service and Councils) fundamental to the success of the proposed Amendments

Birdlife Tasmania supports the proposed amendments to the *Dog Control Act 2000*.

Yours sincerely



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