



Friends of Burnie Penguins inc

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Draft Dog Control Amendment Bill September 2019

Dear Sir,

Friends of Burnie Penguins applauds the government for introducing new provisions where a dog injures or kills sensitive wildlife. We think this will be a start to a good deterrent. However, we would like to suggest that some other aspects be included too:

- Jail for owners who keep repeating offences of injuring or killing wildlife
- Increasing penalties further so that the more severe the offence, the larger the scale of the fine. Perhaps even considering a larger fine the greater the offence – i.e more than the \$10,000 suggested.

Whilst this is timely legislation, we are also concerned that the compliance area needs to be strengthened with more funding for land managers (Parks and Wildlife Serve / Local Councils) to be able to enforce the legislation, with frequent surveillance and monitoring of habitats with sensitive wildlife habitat.

A strong deterrent is only as effective as the enforcement aspects. We hope to see this improved too.

Overall Friends of Burnie Penguins inc is in support of these proposed amendments to the Dog Control Amendment Bill 2019.

Regards,

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