

Submission to :

Amendments to the *Dog Control Act 2000*

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I support the advertised changes to the Dog Control Act 2000 but consider the proposed amendments will not provide sufficient protection for Tasmanian wildlife.

Tasmanian wildlife is increasingly vulnerable to predation and disease and we do not provide sufficient protection to these species at present – dogs and cats are effective predators to many of these species.

All dogs are currently required to be licensed, and the addition of a requirement for a DNA record of each individual dog to be obtained and kept as part of the licensing process would ensure that death or injury to protected native wildlife can in future be linked to the offending dog/s and any possibility of repeat offences by the individual dog/s be removed.

The cost of such DNA recording should be shared by the owner of the dog and the Tasmanian Treasury, as this is an issue that affects us all.

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