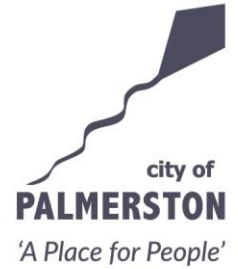


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Dear Ms Knight

Animal Protection and Related Legislation Amendment Bill 2025

Thank you for affording the opportunity to provide feedback on the Animal Protection and Related Legislation Amendment Bill 2025.

City of Palmerston administration is generally supportive of the issues raised and the proposed changes to clauses. The increased penalties and action to this regard is in line with the recent City of Palmerston Animal Management By-Laws, demonstrating a cross-tier government approach to improving animal management and welfare in our community.

City of Palmerston is conscious of the impact a lack of attention to animal welfare and animal cruelty has on the community. This is not only on the animal itself, however the subsequent harm on community through animal nuisance, dog attacks and witnessing cruelty and neglect.

The increased penalties in terms of units and imprisonment term are welcomed. City of Palmerston suggests the Act could be stronger as a deterrent if disqualifying animal ownership was included as an additional penalty. This would prevent repeated offending and further harm to other animals.

City of Palmerston encourages the Northern Territory Government to allocate adequate resourcing to administer the changes to the Act. It is important the community will be able report on the changed clauses and see outcomes in terms of prosecution and resolved complaints.

Toward achieving greater welfare outcomes for companion animals, City of Palmerston continues to advocate for uniform companion animal legislation in the Northern Territory. Other jurisdictions across Australia have such legislation such as Dog and Cat Acts which allow for consistency of legislation, practice and outcomes. City of Palmerston encourages the Northern Territory Government to prioritise this matter.



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