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Dear Secretary,

**Re: The Animal Protection Bill 2018**

I have one query and two amendments that I would like to submit:

**Query**

Section 31 Does this only apply to dogs, cockerels etc? Will this also apply to the use of spurs by rodeo riders?

**Suggested Amendments**

Section 32 Prohibited Activities:

Should be amended to include a special provision covering exposing or involving any minors in the illegal activity. If minors are affected, penalties for the responsible adult/s should be increased.

Section 32 (5) Why does this subsection not attract imprisonment? If there were no supporters of the illegal activities they would not be performed. I believe imprisonment should be an option as per the preceding subsections. Also, if minors are taken to the illegal activity, the penalty for the responsible adult/s should be increased.

Apart from my query and suggested amendments, I believe this is a good bill and I would like to see it passed into NT Legislation.

Yours Sincerely

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