

**Companion Animals Amendment (Puppy Farms) Bill 2021** - What does this actually mean for “us”?

- Demise of dog and cat breeding, dog show and related sports
- The end of Australians being able to own a dog or cat for companionship
- Potentially trigger panic disposal or euthanasia of animals
- Extinction of many breeds of dogs and cats and Gene pool decimation

Impact area	Interpretation Specific proposal
Legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overlap of Animal Welfare under POCTAA 1979 into CAA 1998</li> <li>• Overlap of record keeping and husbandry matters with existing POCTAA</li> </ul>
Breeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All breeders of Dogs and Cats MUST be registered</li> <li>• Annual Licencing – fee to fund the cost of implementation of amendments to CAA</li> <li>• Source numbers issued identifying breeders with public data base</li> <li>• Requirement of a source number- <i>cannot advertise litter without same</i></li> <li>• 2 classifications of breeders               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Companion Animal Business - allowed between 3 and 10 breeding females</li> <li>○ Micro breeder - allowed 2 breeding bitches, or 1 breeding bitch and 1 breeding queen, or 2 breeding queens</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Unregistered breeders or those not meeting registration requirements could have all their dogs or cats seized</li> <li>• Guardian homes - breeding females out in pet homes are included in the breeder’s allowed numbers of breeding females-Over-riding of Breeders Contract arrangements (guardianship), explicit in details and actions</li> <li>• Maximum of 2 litters for any breeding bitch/ queen, then they MUST be desexed</li> <li>• Puppies and Kittens over 8 weeks old can be deemed to be breeding animals in the calculation of permitted numbers as written</li> </ul>
Mandatory Health requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mandatory -health checks at 4 weeks prior to breeding and again within 8 weeks of delivering a litter and Mandatory annual health check</li> <li>• Must not breed from a female if a previous litter has identified a heritable defect</li> <li>• Only total out-crossing permitted</li> <li>• Female breeding animals spayed after 2 litters</li> <li>• Breeding males castrated at 6 years</li> </ul>
Enforcements, legal and registration requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classification of Breeding, Boarding &amp; Training Business requiring Local Council Approval as Companion Animal Business</li> <li>• Prohibitive fines/penalties \$110,000 or 2 year jail term– corporations &gt; x 5</li> <li>• Criminalising the breeding of dogs and cats, No right of appeal.</li> <li>• Powers to invade homes and seize all dog and cats.</li> <li>• Companion Animal Businesses would conflict with zoning and Development Control Plans with most Councils</li> <li>• POCTAA enforcement officers to enforce CAA legislation along with Council officers</li> <li>• Annual inspection by Local Council</li> <li>• Local Council has absolute discretion to impose terms and conditions to any registration of a Companion Animal Business</li> <li>• Local Council has absolute discretion to refuse to renew any registration of a Companion Animal Business</li> <li>• Bankrupts and/or Directors of Body Corporates that have gone into liquidation or external administration cannot be approved for Companion Animal Businesses</li> </ul>
Human	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 staff member for each 5 animals kept at the registered premises</li> </ul>