

Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Amendment Regulation 2025

Human Rights Certificate

Prepared in accordance with Part 3 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*

In accordance with section 41 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*, I, Anthony Perrett MP, Minister for Primary Industries provide this human rights certificate with respect to the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Amendment Regulation 2025* (Amendment Regulation) made under the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* (the Act).

In my opinion, the Amendment Regulation, as tabled in the Legislative Assembly, is compatible with the human rights protected by the *Human Rights Act 2019*. I base my opinion on the reasons outlined in this statement.

Overview of the Subordinate Legislation

The Amendment Regulation prescribes two additional organisations, MDBA Pty Ltd and Responsible Pty Ltd, as approved entities for the purposes of section 43W of the Act.

Individual dog breeders that are accredited by an approved entity, will be exempt from the obligation to apply to the chief executive to become a registered breeder under section 43E of the Act, as the approved entity undertakes to manage its member details on their behalf. Approved entities will ensure adequate standards of dog welfare are maintained and will enhance responsible dog ownership.

The approved entity provisions provide flexibility by exempting individual dog breeders from the regulatory burden of applying to the chief executive for breeder registration in their own right and therefore having to provide relevant information regarding their dog breeding activities to the chief executive directly. Alleviating individual dog breeders of this regulatory burden does not compromise the integrity of the breeder registration scheme as an approved entity is required to provide the relevant information of the dog breeders they accredit to the chief executive on their behalf.

The authorising legislation for the Amendment Regulation is the Act which is the primary legislation to provide for the identification and management of cats and dogs and the registration of dogs.

The Act provides in section 43W that, approved entities are obligated to maintain information on the registered dog breeders which they accredit and provide this information to the chief executive should it be requested.

The Act provides the power for the Minister to recommend the making of a regulation to prescribe approved entities upon satisfaction that the requirements in section 43W can be fulfilled.

Human Rights Issues

Human rights relevant to the subordinate legislation (Part 2, Division 2 and 3 *Human Rights Act 2019*)

The Amendment Regulation does not raise any human rights issues.

Conclusion

I consider that the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Amendment Regulation 2025* is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not limit human rights.

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