

10th May 2024

RE: Residential Tenancies Amendment (Animals in Residential Premises) Bill 2024

A quick note to advise you that Animal Care Australia has reviewed the Amendment Bill proposed by the Hon Emma Hurst MLC.

Animal Care Australia supports the Bill’s amendments related to preventing landlords unreasonably refusing permission for tenants to keep animals on residential premises.

As you are aware Animal Care Australia has been consulting on previous changes to strata legislation ensuring pets are able to be kept and this Bill will assist in ensuring a level of equality across all forms of strata and tenancy arrangements.

Animal Care Australia has previously consulted on improving NSW rental laws and that can be found here: https://www.animalcareaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/NSW_Improving-NSW-rental-laws.pdf

Please do not hesitate to make contact if we can assist further.
Kind regards,

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The first print of the Residential Tenancies Amendment (Animals in Residential Premises) Bill 2024 is here: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/bill/files/18571/First%20Print.pdf?>

About Animal Care Australia

As a nationally recognised animal welfare organisation, Animal Care Australia encourages continued development of animal welfare standards and Codes of Practice for animal husbandry, breeding, training, sale, and sporting exhibitions for a wide range of animal species, including pets, animals used for educational or entertainment purposes or kept for conservation, and in particular native birds, reptiles, and mammals.

Animal Care Australia was founded in early 2018 to establish an organisation run solely by volunteers to lobby for real animal welfare. With extreme animal rights and animal liberationist ideologies influencing government legislation, regulation, and policy at our expense and to the detriment of our animals and pets, it has become necessary to provide government with a balancing voice.

By uniting the broad spectrum of animal groups, collectively we offer an experienced, sensible approach to animal welfare.

By educating our members and the public about the importance of treating animals with kindness and respect for their needs and promoting the humane treatment of animals to improve animal welfare outcomes, Animal Care Australia is in the unique position of lobbying and advocating for all animals within our care.

Animal Care Australia provides priority to the following:

- advocating for stronger welfare outcomes
- advocating to increase education of the public in animal welfare and best care techniques
- educate the public on handling their animals with kindness & respect and the importance of their needs
- educate the public in the differences between animal welfare and animal rights