



Hon John Carey MLA

Minister for Housing; Lands; Homelessness; Local Government

Our Ref 78-09266
Your Ref A988203 Petition No 20

Hon Peter Foster MLC
Chair
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Legislative Council Committee Office
Parliament House
4 Harvest Terrace
WEST PERTH WA 6005

Dear Hon Mr Foster

PETITION NO. 20 - DOG ACT 1976

Thank you for your email dated 17 October 2022 regarding an update on progress with the Centralised Registration System (CRS) and the draft regulations to be made under the *Dog Amendment (Stop Puppy Farming) Act 2021* (the Act).

The procurement process for the CRS is currently underway. A Request for Information (RFI) was released to the market in September 2022 and closed on 25 October 2022. Responses received to the RFI will assist in shaping the scope for the CRS.

It is expected that information relating to dog attacks will be collected by the system. However, the precise parameters of that information will be defined as the scope for the system is finalised and the regulations are developed.

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) is working towards the release of a Request for Tender (RFT) for the CRS in mid-November 2022, subject to the finalisation of the RFI process and consideration of any information provided through targeted engagement.

Development of the regulations to be made under the Act will occur in parallel with the establishment of the CRS. A consultation paper is currently being drafted, to seek feedback from stakeholders and interested members of the community, to assist in developing workable regulations. The consultation paper, which is being drafted with oversight from the Department of Treasury in relation to their Better Regulation Program, is planned to be released in early 2023. In-depth engagement activities with the local government sector are continuing to inform the scope of the CRS and the development of the regulations.

The DLGSC is working towards the CRS being operational in the latter part of 2023.

Yours sincerely

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