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Dear Mr Foster Peter

PETITION No. 020 – DOG ACT 1976

Thank you for your correspondence dated 11 March 2022 in relation to reforms arising from the passage of the *Dog Amendment (Stop Puppy Farming) Act 2021* on 15 December 2021. I thank you for your interest in this important matter, which is a key commitment of the State Government.

I refer to your enquiry about whether regulations will be made under the *Dog Act 1976* (the Act) to require the reporting of attacks by any dogs, including declared dangerous dogs, in the Centralised Registration System (CRS) that is to be established as a key part of the reforms to stop and prevent puppy farming.

I acknowledge that unfortunately many individuals have experienced the adverse impacts of a dog attack and note that the Act already provides that a dog which attacks a person, or another dog, may be declared as a dangerous dog.

I am pleased to advise that the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries is currently scoping the functions of the CRS and identifying amendments to regulations that will enable these functions, in consultation with stakeholders. The scope and development of the CRS will inform the timeframe for the drafting and implementation of the regulations.

I look forward to updating the Parliament of the progress of the CRS and the regulations in due course.

Yours sincerely

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