

Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2013

Explanatory Notes for SL 2013 No. 202

made under the

Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008

General Outline

Short title

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Authorising law

Section 210 of the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*.

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The objective of the subordinate legislation is to make a consequential amendment to a definition under the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Regulation 2009* (the Regulation) as a result of amendments made to the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* by the *Agriculture and Forestry Legislation Amendment Act 2013*. These amendments repealed the cat registration scheme.

Achievement of policy objectives

The subordinate legislation will achieve its objectives by amending the definition of “relevant address” in Schedule 4 (Information that is PID information) of the Regulation. The current definition provides that the “relevant address” for a cat must be recorded against its microchip. “Relevant address” is defined as “the address of the place stated in the registration notice as the address for it.”

As a consequence of repealing the cat registration scheme, a local government will no longer be required to give a registration notice to the owner of a cat. The amended provision now reflects that the “relevant address” for a cat is “the address of the place at which the cat is usually kept or proposed to be kept”.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The subordinate legislation is consistent with the main policy objectives of the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

The subordinate legislation is not inconsistent with the policy objectives of other legislation.

Benefits and costs of implementation

The consequential amendment is necessary to give proper effect to the Act amendments.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The subordinate legislation is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

Consultation

Consultation for these amendments was carried out simultaneously with the consultation for the amendments to the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*, which were subject to substantial consultation with a number of parties, as follows:

- the Queensland division of the Australian Veterinary Association (AVA), Animal Welfare League of Queensland (AWLQ), RSPCA, Queensland Feline Association, Dogs Queensland, Local Government Association of Queensland and Department of Local Government.
- animal management officers from: Blackall Tambo Regional Council, Cairns Regional Council, Central Highlands Regional Council, Charters Towers Regional Council, Gold Coast City Council, Longreach Regional Council, Moreton Bay Regional Council, Southern Downs Regional Council and Toowoomba Regional Council were also consulted.

All the parties consulted were supportive of the removal of mandatory cat registration requirements, except the AWLQ, which, although not strongly opposed, was reluctant to see cat registration requirements wound back.

The then Queensland Office for Regulatory Efficiency was also consulted and advised that a Regulatory Assessment Statement (currently known as a Regulatory Impact Statement) was not required.