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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF DECISION

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulations 2008

I, Joe Helper, Minister for Agriculture and Minister responsible for administering the **Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986**, give notice under section 12 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** as follows:

A Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) was prepared in relation to the proposed Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulations 2008. The RIS was advertised to invite public comment. Three hundred and ten submissions were received and considered.

I have decided that the proposed Regulations should be made with the following amendments –

Amendments to clarify the operation of specific provisions with no substantial change

These include amendments to the definition of humanely destroy; to provisions relating to transport of animals in car boot, the twisted bits offence; addition of definitions relating to electronic collars; minor clarifications in trap provisions; minor clarifications and amendments to scientific procedures section; and minor machinery and editing changes throughout regulations.

Other amendments

General

- Animal fighting offences strengthened to cover other things used in connection with animal fights.
- Addition of electric bird deterrent wires and conditions of use to electric device section.
- Amendment of regulation on electric collars to separate containment systems from remote training and anti-bark collars and provide for separate conditions of use.
- Amend conditions of use for electric collars in relation to review period.
- Requirement for training programs used for electronic collars to comply with a code of practice made under the Act.
- Allowing use of containment collars on cats with conditions on use.
- Amend requirements on sale of electric collars to also cover hire.

Traps

- Requiring kill traps to produce a humane death rather than a set time for unconsciousness.
- Adding requirement for ministerial approval for use of large leghold traps in urban areas as per other traps.
- Including transitional provisions for serrated rodent traps.
- Ability for the Minister to approve use of glue traps by commercial pest controllers and determine conditions of use.

Rodeos

- Including criteria and process for approval of rodeo organisations.
- Clarification of amendments to some of the technical regulations relating to rodeos.
- Removal of regulation relating to jerk-lines.
- Clarifying regulations relating to drug and alcohol use at rodeos to match that for vehicle drivers.

Dated 8 December 2008

JOE HELPER MP
Minister for Agriculture

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