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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie,

Thank you for your email of 18 November 2025 regarding the petition as tabled in the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 18 November 2025 (4238-25) - *Prohibiting non-urgent euthanasia of animals by persons other than Veterinary Surgeons*.

The *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001* sets the rules for animal protection, care and use in Queensland. The killing of unwanted animals is not an offence in Queensland, provided the killing is humane, causes the animal to die quickly and without unreasonable pain. Responsible breeding and management practices are encouraged across animal industries to minimise the production of surplus animals.

On 5 November 2025, I announced a review of the *Veterinary Surgeons Act 1936* (the Act). Stakeholders, including members of the public, will have the opportunity to provide submissions during the consultation process which is anticipated to commence in the first half of 2026. The petitioners may wish to provide a submission on this matter as part of the Act review.

I thank the petitioners for bringing their concerns to the attention of the House.

Yours sincerely



TONY PERRETT MP
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Member for Gympie