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**Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development**

Dog Standards and Guidelines Consultation

Animal Welfare Regulation

*To whom it may concern,*

*I am writing to you today as a current client of The Holistic Hound Dog Training based in Perth, WA to oppose some of the new standards proposed in the Draft Standards and Guidelines for the Health and Welfare of Dogs in WA, specifically those outlined below;*

***The flat ban on prong collars***

*S12.2 Prong collars must not be used on a dog.*

***The adjustments to the accepted method of use of Electronic Collars, points (a) & (b)***

*S13.1 An electronic collar must only be used on a dog in accordance with the generally accepted method of use. For the purposes of these Standards, the generally accepted method of use includes:*

*(a) if a reasonable and documented effort has been made to use other training techniques to modify behaviour and these have not been effective;*

*(b) a veterinarian has examined the health and temperament of the dog and reasonably believes that the dog is suitable to wear an electronic collar.*

Prong collars have changed my life. I started using these after I got the proper training from a dog trainer when I did work experience with her. The knowledge I learnt from her amazing. I started using the prong collar on my own dog as when I was walking him I had no control no matter what else I used just a plain collar or a harness made it worse. The prong collar made me have control and he loves it. He gets all excited when he sees the collar. I also use prong collars on the dogs I walk. It is reassurance that I am in control they all love it as well. Prong collars have definitely helped me form better connections with all my dogs and the dogs I walk.

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission. I would be happy to substantiate the above information by answering any questions or submit further if needed as I feel so strongly about this cause.

Kind Regards,  
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