

# Yorke Peninsula Council



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**Community Engagement Report**

**Draft Animal Management Report**



**Consultation Period - 17<sup>th</sup> July to 18<sup>th</sup> August 2018**



## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT**

### **Purpose of Report**

Pursuant to section 26A of the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995, each Council must, in accordance with the Act, prepare a plan relating to the management of dogs and cats within its area.

In order to fulfil that obligation, Council has prepared a five year plan for the management of dogs and cats throughout the district. The purpose of this community engagement process is to ensure that the community has the opportunity to be involved in the management of dogs and cats while ensuring the plan is relevant and consistent with community expectations.

### **Background**

Pursuant to the Dog and Cat Management Act (the Act) 1995, each Council must prepare a plan relating to the management of dogs and cats within its area. This plan must include provisions for parks where dogs may be exercised off-leash and for parks where dogs must be under effective control by means of physical restraint and may include areas where dogs are prohibited.

The plan must cover a period of 5 years and must be presented to the Dog and Cat Management Board (the Board) at least 6 months before it takes effect. The plan needs to be endorsed by the Board after it has been endorsed by Council.

### **Discussion**

Council first introduced a five year plan in 2006 relating to the management of dogs and cats within its area, which was reviewed in 2011. The review of the current plan has been delayed due to the impending legislative changes to the Act, which commenced on 1 July 2018. These changes include compulsory microchipping of dogs and cats (exemptions available) and the registration of breeders for a person to sell a dog or cat.

This draft plan has been written using a template written by the Board, as per the Guideline "Plans of Management Relating to Dogs and Cats". Council provided a draft plan to the Board seeking comment and suggested changes. As a result of this consultation, minor changes were made to the draft plan in its current format.

The draft plan ensures that Council meets its responsibilities for administration and enforcement of the Act. The actions contained in the draft plan can be met within the current budget limitations.

Public comment is to be sought in relation to the draft plan. Comments received as a result of the consultation will be considered by Council before adopting a plan to be endorsed by the Board.

Submissions can be forwarded to;

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