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Objection to the pronged collar ban. In reference to the use of pronged collars on dogs, these collars do not pinch the skin as described in the definition, but were designed to evenly distribute pressure around a dog's neck and away from the sensitive throat area.

Pronged collars are valuable training aids for both pet dogs and working dogs in police, military & security applications. For pet dogs, they have been invaluable in allowing rambunctious dogs to be safely exercised in the community, especially in the case of power/weight disparity with the owner. This is a valuable tool that should remain available for dog training professionals, and allow them to continue to work to keep dogs safely with the owners or handlers that love them.

Please do not enact this ban that will see owners having to make impossible decisions about the lives of their dogs that are already effectively managed on this tool.

Please do not enact the proposed pronged collar ban. Please consult with other professional organisations & stakeholders such as the International Association of Canine Professionals (IACP) when reviewing animal welfare legislation.