

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing in regards to the Draft Amendments. I am concerned about the proposed amendment to Section 8, which prohibits the use of a “pronged collar, or a similar collar”, yet no definition of “similar collar” is provided. I am concerned that this wording could be used to ban electronic training collars.

We are the manufacturer of a range of electronic collars used for training dogs and we market and distribute these products in Tasmania across pet specialty stores, veterinarians and online. Our primary brands are [PetSafe®](#) and [SportDOG®](#).

To the ill-informed, electronic collars can appear to be quite unusual and questionable, but their fundamental purpose is for them to be used as a means to get the dog’s attention – and in most cases result in keeping the dog alive. We have three different types of electronic collars: **No-Bark Collars**, to control incessant barking which is the number one complaint to councils, **Pet Containment Systems** – a radio frequency perimeter that sends a signal to the dog’s collar and **Remote Trainers**, which can be activated by the handler to control a wide range of behaviours.

We have been in business in Australia since 1998 and throughout this time, we have supplied well over 100,000 electronic collars to dog owners around Australia. In fact, this number increases every year and we are constantly thanked by our customers for saving their dogs’ lives. Many people use our products as a last resort when other methods to control their pets’ behaviour have failed. Despite mischaracterisation by other groups, our products are completely safe and humane. The energy output of the collars can be equated to a TENS (transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation) machine and is negligible, but enough to distinguish unacceptable behaviour.

Across Tasmania we have many users of electronic collars and I would urge you to reach out to stakeholders in the industry before considering any potential ban. For many, our products have saved their beloved pet’s lives and the alternative would be either surrendering or euthanising their pets, which we feel is completely inhumane.

I would be glad to offer any support or advice on this matter and can be contacted on 0411 616 184 or by email, [jhildebrand@petsafe.net](mailto:jhildebrand@petsafe.net)

Kind Regards

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