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Good Morning

I am writing to give my total support to your organization showing leadership in gaining a uniform law and approach across Australia to dogs being allowed into outdoor food environments.

The final say on any dog being allowed into the outdoor eating area of any café, restaurant or even food markets should be left with the business operator/owner.

Sadly, we have the very unfortunate situation on the Sunshine Coast Queensland where many operators truly appreciate that the risk of a foodborne transmission of disease from pet dogs is negligible and even though they are dog lovers, they are petrified of incurring a Council fine for infringing a truly stupid rule.

Why are we so out of step with the rest of Australia and most of the world? It surely can't be for health reasons! Just 2 glaring examples I have seen recently of total common sense prevailing.

- Most US airlines allow a maximum of 1 canine pet (plus any number of guide dogs) to accompany their owners in the aircraft cabin of every domestic flight. Extreme? Maybe; but does it pass the common sense test? Absolutely!!
- The huge Everleigh Food Market in Sydney (arguably one of Australia's best farmers and eat in food markets) allow any leashed dogs to join the thousands of market goers there every Saturday?

I fully appreciate that Federal and State bodies and governments frequently find it impossible to get common agreement on almost anything these days.

However, as I asked in para 1 please do not follow this absurd behaviour pattern but bring in a single law that applies to all of Australia. Most definitely give the final decision to the business operator/owner but let's just get into even 20th century thinking on the enormous benefits of changing this archaic and stupid law that shackles the Sunshine Coast and makes us a laughing stock.

If dog's could voice their opinion I'm sure they would ask for a fair go. After all they are many lonely person's, best and most precious friend. They are also better behaved, more friendly and more responsible than many humans! Its time!!

Kind regards

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