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I strongly support outdoor cafes and restaurants having the right to allow pet dogs and their owners to share this space.

The dog-friendly cafes and restaurants should, for the benefit of all customers, have a simple set of guidelines such as:-

- Dogs should be on a lead and under the effective control of the owner
- The owner should be responsible for cleaning up any mess made by the canine customers
- Dogs (and owners) will be asked to leave if any fighting occurs!

I am an older person living in urban/suburban Hobart and find it most convenient when I, and companion dog, can visit a café for a coffee or light meal while out walking. It is even better if, in winter, there is some shelter and hear provided in the outdoor setting.

The FSANZ approach is to be commended as there is a low/negligible impact on public health but that it positively encourages exercise and social interaction for dog owners, especially elderly people.

Yours sincerely

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