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- 1. Assessment Report Number:** Proposal P1018
- 2. Assessment Report Title:** Companion Dogs in Outdoor Dining Areas
- 3. Organisation Name:** Dr Anne Fawcett
- 4. Organisation Type:** Individual
- 5. Representing:** Dr Anne Fawcett
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12. Submission Text: I support the proposed changes, and agree that: a) As per 2.3 I support a risk-based approach to food hygiene; b) As per 3.2.1.1, I am a pet owner and consumer and would benefit from this change, as would my local clients, as it would allow me to spend more time with my dog while enjoying local fare and supporting local business; c) As per 3.2.1.3 I believe this change would have a positive impact on business as more owners would not be forced to choose BETWEEN spending time eating out and spending time with their dog, thereby increasing the pool of potential customers. Supporting document 1 states that assistance animals are currently permitted in "dining, drinking or other areas of food establishments used by customers". Although it is argued that food safety risk of these animals is minimal due to their standardised behaviour in public places, the content of the risk assessment suggests that the food safety risk from companion animals is negligible. It would be consistent to allow both assistance and companion animals into such areas. Whilst it is not directly pertaining to the policy framework FSANZ must have regard to, I believe an additional compelling argument in support of this change is that it will enhance the human animal bond by allowing owners to enjoy food and drink while out and about their animals, and will reduce the amount of time animals are left home alone. I believe that FSANZ is proposing sensible, evidence-based changes that will benefit industry, consumers and animals. Sincerely, Dr Anne Fawcett

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