



## **SELECT COMMITTEE ON DOGS AND CATS AS COMPANION ANIMALS**

The House of Assembly of the Parliament of South Australia has established a Select Committee to investigate and report upon the legislative and regulatory management of the trade in companion dogs and cats, with the goals of the elimination of cruelty and the reduction of the numbers of unwanted animals being euthanized, and in particular consider –

- (a) options for the regulation of welfare standards for breeding companion dogs and cats;
- (b) the adequacy of regulation of the source of companion dogs and cats for sale;
- (c) the feasibility of a mandatory cooling off period between registering intent to purchase a companion dog or cat and taking possession of the animal;
- (d) the adequacy of the regulation of non-retail-shop trade in companion dogs and cats;
- (e) how the registration, micro chipping and desexing of companion dogs and cats might address these goals; and
- (f) any other relevant matters.

### **SUBMISSIONS**

Submissions, in writing, are invited and should be received no later than **16 January 2013**. Submissions received after this date will only be accepted at the discretion of the Committee. Submissions to be sent to:

**The Secretary  
Select Committee on Dogs and Cats as Companion  
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Terms of reference, Membership of the Committee and other details are available on the Parliamentary Website under 'Committees' – 'Select Committees' at  
[www.parliament.sa.gov.au](http://www.parliament.sa.gov.au).