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## Release of Discussion Paper - Review of Companion Animals Regulation 2008

### What's new or changing

- The NSW Government is undertaking a statutory review to remake the *Companion Animals Regulation 2008* (the Regulation) prior to its automatic repeal on 1 September 2018.
- Two separate consultations are being undertaken as part of the review. A Discussion Paper about the Regulation has been released for public comment, marking the start of the review.

### What this will mean for your council

- Councils are invited to comment on key focus areas in the Discussion Paper.
- The Regulation review will look for opportunities to reduce unnecessary cost and red tape for pet owners and local councils and to build a stronger regulatory framework that promotes responsible pet ownership.
- It is anticipated that a new Regulation will commence from June 2018.

### Key points

- A Discussion Paper has been released to begin a statutory review of the Regulation.
- The Regulation supports the *Companion Animals Act 1998* by providing key details about how companion animals are identified, registered and managed in each local government area.
- The Regulation is being reviewed to ensure it is effective in promoting responsible pet ownership in NSW.
- Feedback to this Discussion Paper will be taken into account in preparing a draft Regulation which, together with a Regulatory Impact Statement, will be subject to further consultation later this year.
- Submissions are due by **close of business on Wednesday 19 July 2017**.

### Where to go for further information

- A link to the Discussion Paper and survey can be found on the OLG website at [www.olg.nsw.gov.au](http://www.olg.nsw.gov.au).

- For further information, contact OLG's Policy Team on 02 4428 4100 or by email at [olg@olg.nsw.gov.au](mailto:olg@olg.nsw.gov.au).

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