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6176	<p>No real improvement.</p> <p>Laws already in place (ie micro-chipping and desexing) – need to be enforced.</p> <p>Example of good Animal Welfare Strategy: Mitchellshire in Victoria</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The AWMS provides a number of actions to achieve efficient and effective compliance and enforcement (see Objective 5, page 33).</p> <p>Noted</p>	√						
6177	<p>Changes to <i>Animal Welfare Act 2000</i> to provide for dogs to be removed from Dangerous Dogs Register under certain circumstances (ie re-assessment of dog).</p>	<p>The AWMS provides for a review of legislation (Actions 1.1.1 and 1.2.1). There are provisions under the <i>Domestic Animals Act 2000</i> to vary the dangerous dog licence.</p>		√	√				
6178	<p>Requires action. Enforcement measures needed to keep people safe (dangerous dogs?).</p>	<p>The AWMS provides a number of actions to achieve efficient and effective compliance and enforcement (see Objective 5, page 33)</p>	√	√					
6179	<p>Concerns about expansion of cat containment areas in existing suburbs. Cost prohibitive for many. Too difficult to keep a cat indoors particularly in smaller dwellings (ie eg apartments)</p>	<p>The Act Government is currently developing a Cat Management Plan to support the AWMS and will consider the issues raised here.</p>						√	

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6184	Consultation not well advertised.	Noted – to be considered in future consultation processes. Members of the public can register on the Your Say website to get regular updates on consultation processes.								√
6185	Enforcement of legislation is required (desexing, registration and cat containment). DAS needs more funding and resources.	Noted. Objective 5 of the AWMS addresses compliance and enforcement and action 5.1.1 identifies the need for a review of current practices to identify gaps and areas for improvement. Action 5.1.2 provides for the development and implementation of a compliance and enforcement program with a focus on domestic animals.	√							
6186	No action on dog attack. Need to amend legislation to make pet owners more responsible.	No contact details provided. Cannot follow-up on dog attack. TCCS is developing a public education program to raise people’s awareness about responsible pet ownership. See actions 2.1.1 and 2.1.3.	√	√						
6187	Actions of AWMS not clear. Suggest phasing in cat containment across the entire ACT.	Noted. No change required. See action 4.1.3. Also, the Cat Management Plan, which is currently being developed to							√	

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	Question the current requirement to de-sex cats at 3 months.	support the AWMS, will investigate options for expanding cat containment areas. Previous advice provided to the ACT Government indicates that de-sexing a cat at 3 months of age is appropriate. See also Part 3 of Domestic Animals Regulation 2001 for exceptions.							
6188	Insufficient policies to deal with dangerous dogs.	Addressed in AWMS. Actions 1.1.1 and 1.2.1 require a review of legislation and other policies relating to animal welfare and management.	✓	✓					
6189	Supports the AWMS but legislation needs to be enforced.	Noted. AWMS addresses this. See Objective 5 and supporting actions.	✓						
6192	Greater enforcement is needed. Need to review management and staff responsiveness.	See above. Also , see also actions under Objective 3, in particular action 3.1.3	✓						
6193	Reference: ‘5 freedoms’ numbers 4 and 5 – mutually exclusive. Natural behaviours of dogs and cats are incompatible with the welfare of wildlife. Onus should	Noted. See description of Aspects of Naturalness (page 10 of AWMS) There is legislation in place to protect wildlife (eg restrictions on	✓						✓ Protect wildlife

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	<p>be with animal owners not those that are affected by actions of poorly-controlled animals.</p> <p>Need to address nuisance caused by other peoples' pets.</p>	<p>where dogs and cats can go and the need to keep cats contained and dogs on a lead in certain areas) – community compliance will be addressed through education (action 2.1.1).</p> <p>The education program currently being developed by TCCS will raise awareness of responsible pet ownership and encourage behavioural change. See actions 2.1.1 and 3.4.3.</p>							
6194	<p>Concerned about animal welfare (cruelty).</p> <p>Pleased to see compliance and enforcement listed as immediate priorities. Actions 2.2, 2.3 and 5.3.3 need to be prioritised.</p>	<p>Noted. Most are to be completed within 3 years.</p> <p>Actions under these outcomes (2.2 and 2.3) are to be undertaken either within 12 months or within 3 years.</p> <p>Action 5.3.3 (additional systems and processes) requires time to implement.</p>	✓			✓			
6199	<p>Fines and punishments need to be increased to deter abuse of animals. Earlier intervention should be legislated for.</p>	<p>Review of legislation is proposed as part of the AWMS (actions 1.2.1 and 2.2.1). Also, see action 5.2.3: <i>'Promote processes and partnerships to ensure prosecutions for animal welfare offences are successful and result in appropriate penalties for</i></p>	✓			✓	✓		

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	Greater education required.	<i>individuals found guilty of animal welfare offences.'</i> An education campaign to raise awareness about responsible pet ownership is being developed. (action 2.1.1)							
6200	All cats should be contained, de-sexed and micro-chipped. Fines should apply. Cat traps should be made available for hire by the RSPCA.	It is already a requirement that all cats are micro-chipped and de-sexed (unless a licence is obtained to have a sexually entire cat). Fines of up to 10 units (\$1,500) apply for non-compliance. Cat containment options will be investigated as part of the AWMS. The Cat Management Plan, which is currently being developed, will address cat containment in more detail. There are animal welfare issues that need to be addressed when trapping animals. RSPCA does not hire out traps as it goes against the organisation's core values.						√	
6205	Bush Capital reputation should be protected. Need to protect wildlife and not cull kangaroos and	Noted.							√

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	not allow urban development to impact on natural habitats. Strategy too long.								Opposed to kangaroo cull Impact of urban development
6210	ACT Govt should take a stronger stance against dangerous dogs. Need to acknowledge that there are dangerous breed and owners of these breeds should be licensed.	The AWMS provides for a review of animal welfare and management laws (Action 1.1.1). Currently, under the <i>Domestic Animals Act 2000</i> , a person that has a dog that has been declared dangerous must have a licence to keep that dog and strict conditions apply. Legislation is not breed specific.	✓	✓					
6212	Should be a bigger focus on dangerous dogs and the impacts these have on the community. The AWMS should clearly set out measures to permanently remove dangerous dogs and enforce penalties	See above.	✓	✓					
6213	Need to be tougher on dangerous and nuisance dogs and those that keep and multiple dogs.	See response to 6210.	✓	✓					

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		<p>Also, see actions 1.4.2, 2.1.1 and 2.3.3 of the AWMS. TCCS is currently preparing an education program to raise the community's awareness about responsible pet ownership.</p> <p>Currently, under the <i>Domestic Animals Act 2000</i> a person must hold a multiple dogs licence to keep 4 or more dogs.</p>							
6214	<p>More needs to be done to protect the community from dangerous dogs.</p> <p>Need to have legislation to control aggressive breeds.</p>	<p>See response to 6210 and 6213.</p> <p>Also, see actions under 2.1 regarding a community education campaign.</p>	✓	✓	✓				
6222	As above	See response to 6210 and 6213	✓	✓	✓				
6229	As above	See response to 6210 and 6213	✓	✓	✓				
6233	<p>Need strict rules relating to dogs in public places. Must be on a lead and under the control of a responsible person (not a child).</p> <p>Rules need to be enforced.</p>	<p>See response to 6210 and 6213</p> <p>See actions under '<i>Objective 5: Compliance and enforcement of animal welfare and management issues is efficient and effective.</i>'</p>	✓	✓					

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	Harsh penalties for animal cruelty and dog attacks.	The AWMS provides for a review of existing legislation (see action 1.1.1). Educating the community about responsible pet ownership also plays a big part in addressing these issues (see actions 2.1.1 and 4.1.1).							
6238	<p>Some actions should be brought forward to either ongoing or within 12 months.</p> <p>Educating the community about responsible pet ownership responsibilities should be prioritised (within first 12 months)</p> <p>Concerned about dogs off-lead and dangerous dogs.</p>	<p>Actions 2.1.1 and 4.1.1 of the AWMS identify that ACT Government will undertake community education to <i>'promote and influence public understanding and opinions on their animal welfare and management responsibilities'</i> and raise awareness about <i>'responsible pet ownership'</i>. Both have been identified to be undertaken within 12 months.</p> <p>The current formatting may not clearly indicate delivery timeframes and this will be reviewed. The coloured indicators may be creating confusion (ie green used for outcomes as well as indicating actions that will be completed in the medium term).</p> <p>The <i>Domestic Animals Act 2000</i> currently addresses dogs off-lead and dangerous dogs. The AWMS</p>	√	√			√		

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		<p>includes actions to review current legislation and address compliance and enforcement. See Objectives 1 and actions under Objective 5 of the AWMS relating to compliance and enforcement. Off-lead areas are currently being reviewed.</p> <p>See also TCCS website, which is a good source of information about responsible pet ownership: http://www.tccs.act.gov.au/city-living/pets</p>							
6248	Enforcement of on-leash areas, dogs that have not been desexed, dogs not under the control of their owner and dangerous dogs. Also, more needs to be done about nuisance dogs.	See response to 6238 (above).	√						
6249	Enforcement of on-leash areas, dogs that have not been desexed, dogs not under the control of their owner and dangerous dogs	See response to 6238	√						
6250	Not enough being done about animal abuse and dangerous dogs. Greater penalties should apply including bans on pet ownership. Some breeds should be banned.	The AWMS provides for reviews of legislation and updated compliance and enforcement systems (see actions under outcome 5.3 and actions 1.1.1,		√		√	√	√	

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	<p>Support a ban on circus animals.</p> <p>Support cat containment.</p> <p>Farm animals need same protection.</p>	<p>1.3.3 and 1.3.4). See also response to 6210.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted. The AWMS action 4.1.3 considers expansion of cat containment areas.</p> <p>Animal Welfare and management laws apply to farm animals. See also specific actions under Outcome 4.7.</p>							
6251	Greater regulation of groomers.	See action 2.1.4 of AWMS							√ Groomers should be regulated
6254	The requirement to complete an accredited course and be licensed would disadvantage groomers.	Noted. See action 2.1.4							√ Does not agree with greater regulation for groomers.
6255	Supports broader roll out of cat containment to protect wildlife.	See action 4.1.3						√	
6256	Make it illegal to sell kittens and puppies that have not been desexed.	Noted. Currently, cats and dogs are required to be desexed at 3 months and 6 months respectively unless the keeper/owner has a permit to keep a sexually entire			√				

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		<p>cat/dog. Currently, under the <i>Domestic Animals Act 2000</i> a person commits an offence if—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the person sells a dog or cat that has not been de-sexed; and b) the person believes, or ought reasonably to believe, that— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) in the case of a dog—the dog is 6 months old or older; or (ii) in the case of a cat—the cat is 3 months old or older; and c) the person does not, within 3 working days after the day the person sells the dog or cat, tell the registrar in writing the name and address of the buyer. 							
6257	<p>Dogs that have attacked a person/animal should not be returned to their owners.</p> <p>Greater penalties and enforcement needed.</p>	<p>Noted. The <i>Domestic Animals Act 2000</i> provides for a dog to be seized and destroyed in some circumstances.</p> <p>The AWMS provides for a review of current legislation (see actions 1.1.1 and 1.2.1)</p>	√	√					
6258	Groomers should be licensed	Noted.			√				√

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		Changes to AWMS: Identify groomer and day care facilities in Table 1 of AWMS. See Action 2.1.4: investigate options to introduce minimum qualification requirements for pet services, including grooming services, in the ACT. Consider reviewing the Code of Practice for groomers.								Groomers should be regulated
6267	Licensed groomers	Noted. See response to 6258			✓					✓ Groomers should be regulated
6270	Groomers should be licensed	Noted See response to 6258			✓					✓ Groomers should be regulated
6271	Groomers should be licensed	Noted See response to 6258			✓					✓ Groomers should be regulated
6272	Supports above comment	Noted See response to 6258.			✓					✓ Groomers should be regulated
6273	Groomers, boarding facilities and day care providers should be regulated. Grooming training to be provided by recognised trainer.	Noted See response to 6258.			✓					✓ Groomers should be regulated

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6274	Groomers should be competing in competitions to prove their skills to peers and grooming industry.	Noted See response to 6258.			√				√ Groomers should be regulated
6275	Dog boarding facilities should be updated every 2 years and be subjected to mandatory inspections biannually.	Noted. See actions 1.2.2, 1.4.3 and 2.1.2			√				√ Regulation of boarding facilities
6282	Groomers, boarding facilities and day care providers should be regulated. They should be held accountable for injuries to pets.	Noted See response to 6258.			√				√ Groomers etc should be regulated
6289	Groomers, boarding facilities and day care providers should be regulated. Qualifications and ongoing accreditation should be required.	Noted See response to 6258.			√				√ Groomers etc should be regulated
6294	AWMS does not address dog attacks. DAS staff is left to “make it up as they go along”. Need to get tougher on dangerous dogs and euthanase them.	The <i>Domestic Animals Act 2000</i> addresses dog attacks and dangerous dogs. The AWMS provides for training to support compliance with animal welfare and management laws (see actions 2.1.2, 3.1.3 and 5.2.4) The AWMS provides for a review of current legislation (see actions 1.1.1 and 1.2.1). Currently, there are provisions under the <i>Domestic Animals Act 2000</i> to	√	√					

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		'destroy' dogs in certain circumstances.							
6661	Support registration of all domestic animals and stronger control for cats.	Options for registration will be addressed under action 1.2.4. A cat management plan is currently being prepared which will support the AWMS.						✓	✓ Registration for all domestic animals
6774	Does the AWMS include well-cared for greyhounds?	The AWMS includes all species of domestic dogs. See also actions under Outcome 4.6.				✓			
7020	Concerned about dog attacks and dogs not under control Needs greater enforcement and more rangers patrolling on-leash areas to encourage compliance.	The AWMS provides for reviews of legislation and updated compliance and enforcement systems (see actions under outcome 5.2 and 5.3 and actions 1.1.1, 1.3.3 and 1.3.4). See also response to 6210.	✓	✓					
7029	Dogs not on leash are a threat to other dogs	TCCS is currently reviewing off-leash areas. Section under Objective 5 addresses compliance and enforcement (applies to dogs not on lead in an on-lead area). See also information about 'Recreation with my dog' on TCCS website: http://www.tccs.act.gov.au/city-	✓	✓					

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		living/pets/dogs/recreation-with-my-dog							
7031	Against culling of kangaroos – not based on sound scientific advice and should be independently reviewed before further culls are undertaken	The Kangaroo Management Plan (KMP) addresses culling of kangaroos. This is prepared based on sound scientific advice and considers animal welfare issues. The Plan is periodically reviewed. Comments will be provided to EPSDD which is responsible for the KMP.				√			√ Opposes Kangaroo cull
7032	Issue of nuisance dogs (barking). Onus should not be put on complainant to keep a diary. Dog owners should be made aware of their responsibilities as a dog owner.	Part 6 The <i>Domestic Animals Act 2000</i> addresses animal nuisance. The AWMS provided for a review of current legislation (see actions under Objective 1). TCCS will deliver a public education/awareness campaign which will address responsible pet ownership. See also TCCS website: http://www.tccs.act.gov.au/city-living/pets	√				√		
7036	All suburbs should be containment areas to address negative impacts on native animals and the	Action 4.1.3 of the AWMS provides for an investigation into	√					√	√

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	community (nuisance) as well as the number of feral cats. More education and monitoring of dog on-lead areas and aggressive dogs.	the feasibility of, and options for, expanding cat containment areas. Action 4.1.1 of the AWMS provides for a community education campaign to promote responsible pet ownership. See section under Objective 5 for actions relating to compliance and enforcement, in particular actions 5.1.1, 5.1.2, 5.2.2, 5.2.4, and 5.3.3.							
7037	A review of AWAC should go beyond governance arrangements. Time limits on membership limit its ability to deliver good policy as experienced members are replaced.	Noted. The governance arrangements for AWAC (action 1.3.1) will be reviewed. The AWMS also provides for a review of animal welfare and management legislation, which includes the <i>Animal Welfare Act 1992</i> , under which the AWAC is established.			√				
7041	Dogs should be on a leash in environmentally sensitive areas to prevent attacks on native animals.	All dogs should be under the control of their keeper/owner at all times. Areas where dogs are not permitted, permitted on a lead or permitted off lead are identified on the TCCS website: http://www.tccs.act.gov.au/city-living/pets		√					√ Protect native animals from dogs

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		<p>See Division 2.5 of the <i>Domestic Animals Act 2000</i> and for details of places where dogs are permitted.</p> <p>Dog exercise areas (including on-leash and off-leash areas) are currently being reviewed. Refer to signage at location. Dogs are not permitted in environmentally sensitive areas. For example, under <i>the Nature Conservation Act 2014</i> it is an offence to take (or allow) a non-native animal into a reserve.</p>							
7051	<p>Cat containment needs to be enforced.</p> <p>Dog parks need to be maintained and upgraded (seating and shading)</p>	<p>Noted. See actions under Objective 5.</p> <p>Noted. Upgrades are completed under TCCS' capital works program. Maintenance needs can be reported through 'Fix my Street' on the TCCS website.</p> <p>See also actions under Outcomes 3.3 and 3.4.</p> <p>There are currently 6 dog parks in the ACT. See TCCS website: http://www.tccs.act.gov.au/city-living/pets</p>	✓			✓		✓	✓ Dog park maintenance

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	<p>Emergency veterinarian services needed in the northern suburbs.</p> <p>Missed opportunity to promote reintroduction of native species to Mulligans Flat.</p> <p>Better communication with the community needed in regard to consultation opportunities.</p>	<p>Noted. Beyond the scope of the AWMS.</p> <p>Falls under <i>the Native Conservation Act 2014</i> and the ACT Nature Conservation Strategy 2013–23. This issue is also considered under the Nature Conservation Biodiversity Research and Monitoring Program 2017, which is developed under that Act (see page 13) http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/ni/2017-306/current/pdf/2017-306.pdf</p> <p>Noted.</p>							
7058	Nil comments								
7059	Nil comments								
7061	Pet owners should be held responsible for cleaning up after their pets.	Section 46 of the <i>Domestic Animals Act 2000</i> requires the carer of a dog to dispose of any faeces dropped. Penalties apply. Actions under Objective 5 address improvements in compliance and enforcement of such laws.	√						√

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	<p>Pet owners should be held responsible for the death of native wildlife caused by their pets.</p> <p>Cats should be contained.</p>	<p>Under the <i>Domestic Animals Act 2000</i> a person commits an offence if their dog causes serious injury to another animal. Penalties apply.</p> <p>See action 4.1.3 of AWMS.</p> <p>Relevant to all the issues raised - community education will play an important role in promoting responsible pet ownership (see actions under Outcome 4.1).</p>							
7063	Nil comments								
7064	Warns against extreme-left ideology impacting policies.	Noted.							√
7065	AWMS does not address feral animals	Animal welfare of pest/feral species is addressed under 4.2. The Pest Animal Management Strategy addresses the management pest/feral animals.							√ Feral animal management
7066	Question 'Freedom to express natural behaviour'. Does this endorse the killing of other animals.	Natural behaviour is explained on page 10 of AWMS.							√ Definition
7068	Need to define 'responsible' pet owners.	Noted.							

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7069	Need to protect wildlife	Noted. The AWMS provides a number of actions to address the protection of native wildlife including considering extending cat containment (action 4.1.3). See also response to 7041 and 6193.							√ Protect native animals
7071	More dog parks	Noted. See actions under outcomes 3.3.							√ More dog parks
7073	All cats should be contained to protect native animals Need to address dog faeces in public places	See action 4.1.3 Section 46 of the <i>Domestic Animals Act 2000</i> requires the carer of a dog to dispose of any faeces dropped. Penalties apply. Actions under Objective 5 address improvements in compliance and enforcement of such laws.	√					√	√ Supports all of Act be cat containment
7074	Need to address dangerous dogs - should not be allowed in Canberra's suburbs. They affect others enjoyment of public places.	When taking a dog into a public place the owner/keeper of that dog has a responsibility for the following under the <i>Domestic Animals Act 2000</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to remove all dog droppings 	√	√					

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to carry appropriate equipment to pick up dog droppings • to keep the dog on leash except in designated off leash areas • not to leave a dog unattended • not to take a dog into prohibited areas or places • not to take a female dog on heat into a public place. <p>Infringement notices can be issued for non-compliance.</p> <p>Under the <i>Domestic Animals Act 2000</i> dangerous dogs (those that have been declared dangerous) are not allowed in public places without a muzzle and must be under the keeper's control at all times.</p> <p>Action 4.1.1 of the AWMS provides for a community education campaign to promote responsible pet ownership.</p>							
7076	Nil comments								

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7077	Victorian Code of Practice should be considered but further review is required first.	Agreed. Review of Code will determine suitability as per action 4.8.1 of the AWMS			√				√ Codes of Practice
7078	Recognise that animals are sentient in legislation Opposed to kangaroo cull Increase penalties for animal cruelty offences	Animal welfare and management legislation, codes etc reflect that animals are sentient. The AWMS provides for a review of legislation (see actions 1.1.1 and 1.2.1) Noted. Kangaroos are culled according to the relevant National Code of Practice . The cull method, shooting, is recognised by the Commonwealth, state and territory governments and RSPCA Australia as the most humane method of culling. Kangaroo shooters in the ACT have to pass a marksmanship accuracy test, overseen by an accredited Australian Federal Police Firearms Instructor. Additionally shooters must pass tests on the National Code of Practice and a macropod identification test to be accredited. The ACT is the only jurisdiction to test and accredit non-commercial kangaroo shooters and the testing process was made even more stringent and rigorous through improvements made in 2014.			√				√ Opposed to kangaroo cull

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		An experienced veterinarian conducts an audit of the conservation cull in ACT nature reserves. http://www.environment.act.gov.au/parks-conservation/plants-and-animals/urban_wildlife/local_wildlife/kangaroos/question-and-answers-2017-conservation-cull-program							
7079	-								
7080	Funding is needed to increase enforcement compliance	See action 5.2.2: <i>'Additional investment in facilities and processes to support proportional and transparent compliance and enforcement activities.'</i>	√						
7082	AWMS – verbose and ineffective document	Noted.							√
7083	Opposes the economic exploitation of animals (eg fishing and animal farming)	Noted. See actions under Objective 5.							√ Does not support use of animals for economic gain
7084	Supports subsidised training/housing for owners of misbehaving dogs instead of discounts for responsible owners.	See actions under Objective 2.1, in particular 2.1.1 and 2.1.3.					√		

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7085	<p>Need stronger penalties for animal cruelty.</p> <p>Supports the establishment of an Animal Abusers Register.</p> <p>RSPCA need more power to enforce animal welfare laws and remove animals.</p> <p>Education is important in bringing about changes in behaviour</p>	<p>The AWMS provides for a review of legislation (action 1.1.1).</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>See actions under Objective 5, in particular, action 5.2.3.</p> <p>Agreed. See action 1.1.4 regarding community education. See also actions under Objective 2 (eg 2.1.1 and 2.1.3).</p>	✓			✓	✓		
7086	<p>Need to punish bad dogs and bad owners. Need to get dangerous dogs out of our community.</p>	<p>See response to 6210. See actions under Objective 5 of AWMS regarding compliance and enforcement.</p> <p>Community education is important in bringing about behavioural change. See action 4.1.1 and 5.2.1.</p>	✓	✓					
7087	<p>Enforcement crucial to maintaining high animal welfare standards and promoting responsible pet ownership.</p>	<p>See actions under Objective 5 regarding compliance and enforcement.</p> <p>Community education is key to bringing about behavioural</p>	✓				✓		

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		change. See actions 2.1.1, 4.1.1 and 5.2.1.							
7088	<p>More needs to be done to address the impacts of roaming cats (nuisance and threat to native animals) and to assist people to contain their cats.</p> <p>Limit the number of cats per household.</p>	<p>See actions 4.1.1 and 4.1.3 relating to cat containment and community education, and actions under Objective 5 related to compliance and enforcement. Also, the ACT Government is currently preparing a Cat Management Plan to support the AWMS, which will consider these issues.</p> <p>The <i>Domestic Animals Act 2000</i> requires people to have a licence to keep 4 or more cats. The AWMS provides for a review of animal welfare and management laws (action 1.1.1).</p>						√	
7089	<p>Opposed to Kangaroo cull</p> <p>Enforce cat containment and extend cat containment to all suburbs.</p>	<p>Noted. See response to 7078.</p> <p>The ACT Government currently preparing a Cat Management Plan which will consider these issues. The AWMS addresses cat containment in actions 3.4.1 (implement a program of proactive monitoring) and 4.1.3 (expansion of cat containment)</p>						√	√ Opposed to kangaroo cull.

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7090	Battersby Cct in Kambah is now a cat containment area. I would love to see this extended to my street / area	Kambah (or parts of) is not currently a declared cat containment area. The AWMS (action 4.1.3) and the Cat Management t Plan (currently being developed) will investigate expanding cat containment.						√	
7091	No comment								
7092	Introduce laws to require all pets be desexed, microchipped and registered by 12 months of age.	Legislation already exists that requires all dogs and cats to be micro-chipped and de-sexed (unless the owner has a permit to keep a sexually entire dog/cat). All dogs must be registered. The AWMS (action 1.2.4) addresses registration options.	√						
7093	<p>Opposes kangaroo cull and the <i>Nature Conservation Act 2014</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Code of Practice • Ethics Committee • Kangaroo Management Plan • ACT Pest Animal Management Strategy • Native Grasslands Conservation Strategy • ACT Nature Conservation Strategy <p>The Act Government should be found in breach of AWMS.</p>	<p>Noted. The AWMS supports the humane and ethical control of native species, see actions 4.3.1 and 4.3.2.</p> <p>Kangaroos are culled according to the relevant National Code of Practice. The cull method, shooting, is recognised by the Commonwealth, state and territory governments and RSPCA Australia as the most humane method of culling. Kangaroo shooters in the ACT have to pass a</p>						√ Opposed to kangaroo cull	

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		<p>marksmanship accuracy test, overseen by an accredited Australian Federal Police Firearms Instructor. Additionally shooters must pass tests on the National Code of Practice and a macropod identification test to be accredited. The ACT is the only jurisdiction to test and accredit non-commercial kangaroo shooters and the testing process was made even more stringent and rigorous through improvements made in 2014. An experienced veterinarian conducts an audit of the conservation cull in ACT nature reserves.</p> <p>http://www.environment.act.gov.au/parks-conservation/plants-and-animals/urban_wildlife/local_wildlife/kangaroos/question-and-answers-2017-conservation-cull-program</p>							
7094	<p>Very good strategy. Needs resources to implement it.</p> <p>Condition of DAS facility is very poor and dog handing practices are poor (ie dogs are not walked</p>	<p>Noted. The AWMS recognises the need to resource its implementation.</p> <p>See action 3.1.6 of AWMS related to improved facilities and action</p>				√			√ Improvements need to DAS facilities and its

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	<p>on Sundays, lack of stimulation, dogs not cleaned, kennels cleaned whilst dogs are in them casing stress). Also, currently no Kennel Master and no adoption officer to assist with dog selection, and no advertising of available dogs which would assist to re-homing dogs.</p> <p>Support ACT Government stance on circus animals, free-range eggs and greyhound racing.</p>	<p>3.1.3 relating to staff levels, training and skills.</p> <p>Noted.</p>							management.
7095	Well written strategy. Support the commitment to invest in a fit for purpose facility and the 5 freedoms.	Noted.							
7096	Need an independent body to oversee welfare issues not industry groups.	<p>See Attachment B of the AWMS. The AWAC membership has a representation from a broad cross-section of the community.</p> <p>See also, actions 1.1.1 and 1.3.1 of the AWMS.</p>							√ AWAC membership
7097	No provision for animals as sentient bodies.	<p>See section 2, 'Setting the Scene'.</p> <p>Animal welfare and management legislation, codes etc reflect that animals are sentient. The AWMS provides for a review of legislation (see actions 1.1.1 and 1.2.1)</p>							√

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7098	Dog parks should be visited to monitor dog behaviour.	Noted. Dog parks include signage about etiquette at dog parks. Information can be found here: well signed with http://www.tccs.act.gov.au/city-living/pets/dogs/recreation-with-my-dog/fenced_dog_park	√							
7099	No change									
7100	Das facility needs to be upgraded. Dogs subjected to extreme temperatures.	See action 3.1.6 of the AWMS relating to 'fit for purpose facilities'.				√				√ DAS facility
7101	DAS facility well-run – credit to ACT Government.	Noted.								
7102	No comment									
7103	More enforcement needed	See actions under Objective 5.	√							
7104	DAS facility - big dogs should be housed away from small dogs as small dogs are intimidated by larger dogs.	Noted.								√ DAS facility
7105	The AWMS does not apply the 5 freedoms to birds in captivity. Cat containment should apply across the entire ACT. Cat cause nuisance and kill native wildlife.	Noted. The AWMS also applies to birds. There are currently Codes of Practice for keeping birds in captivity, animals in pet shops and domestic poultry. The AWMS provides for a review of Codes of Practice (see action 1.2.1). Noted. See action 4.1.3.			√	√		√		√ not applied to captive birds

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	Stricter punishments for animal cruelty.	See actions under Objectives 1 and 5 regarding review of legislation and related policies and effective and efficient compliance and enforcement.							
7106	No comment								
7107	Dogs should be made more welcome in public places and on public transport. Public education needed to support this.	Assume this is related to assistance dogs. Assistance dogs are allowed in public places under the <i>Domestic Animals Act 2000</i> . TCCS is currently preparing a public awareness/education campaign to promote responsible pet ownership. TCCS to investigate options for including information about assistance dogs.					√		
Written Submissions									
-	What is a non-punitive regulatory measure? Does not address handling of injured animals Signage etc/WIRES) AWMS to mention ban on testing on animals.	Non-punitive: not involving or exerting punishment. AWMS does not address issues at an operational level. Operational plans perform this function. See Outcome 4.5. The <i>Animal Welfare Act 1992</i> is the relevant Legislation. The AWMS provides					√		

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	<p>ACT Government participates in national level decision-making forums.</p> <p>Consider a crisis response to animal welfare (ie farm operator goes out of business, impact of natural disasters).</p>	<p>for a review of policies and procedures (action 4.5.1) including Codes of Practice</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted. See action 2.3.2 regarding vulnerable animals.</p>							
-	<p>Provided suggestions about improvements to the DAS facility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Needs a volunteer coordinator Need more volunteers DAS Facility would benefit from more social media (positive) to raise awareness of the work DAS does. 	<p>Noted. See action 3.1.3 regarding staffing.</p> <p>Action 3.1.6 is relevant to this submission: <i>Additional investment in fit for purpose facilities to care for and manage domestic animals in the custodianship of the ACT Government. Facilities should cater for current and future demand.</i></p> <p>TCCS is currently developing a public education program to raise the community’s awareness of responsible pet ownership. Promoting the work DAS does could be included as part of this.</p>					√		√ Improvements to DAS facility

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-	<p>Have contact details (including for outside office hours) available to public who want to report animal welfare issues.</p> <p>Ban the sale of birds.</p> <p>Dogs should be exercised (mental health) and not chained up in backyards. Improve DAS and RSPCA facilities.</p> <p>Horses should not be left with heavy rugs on all day during hot weather.</p> <p>Animal welfare enforced for working dogs and farm animals.</p>	<p>Noted. Information to be provided to DAS. See action 3.4.3: Investigate options for a community reporting system to increase compliance with requirements that protect community safety and environmental amenity.</p> <p>Noted. There are currently Codes of Practice for animals in pet shops and captive birds. The AWMS identifies the need for Codes of Practice to be reviewed (Actions 1.2.1 and 1.2.3)</p> <p>Noted. The need for mental stimulation is acknowledged in the AWMS (page 10). Noted. (See action 3.1.6 - fit for purpose facilities)</p> <p>Noted. There is a Code of Practice for keeping horses. The AWMS identifies the need for Codes of Practice to be reviewed (Actions 1.2.1 and 1.2.3)</p> <p>Noted.</p>			√	√				√ Better access to contact details.

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	<p>Make it an offence to strike or hit an animal.</p> <p>Electric shock collars should not be allowed.</p>	<p>For animal welfare of farm and working animals see actions under 4.7</p> <p>Animal cruelty is an offence under the <i>Animal Welfare Act 1992</i> (see s6A)</p> <p>See above regarding animal cruelty.</p> <p>The AWMS provides for a review of animal welfare and management laws in the ACT (action 1.1.1)</p>							
–	<p>Supports greater regulation of dog groomers and dog day-care facilities.</p> <p>Should require a formal qualification in a course that is dedicated to this profession (not part of another course)</p> <p>Groomers should have more power to report owners who are suspected of mistreating their/neglecting their dogs.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>See response to 6258</p> <p>See action 3.4.3: Investigate options for a community reporting system to increase compliance with requirements that protect community safety and environmental amenity.</p>			✓				✓ Regulation of dog groomers and day care facilities

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–	<p>Not submission on AWMS but TCCS committed to considering it as part of consultation process.</p> <p>Topic: Vulnerable Animals:</p> <p>Representing ‘Pet and Wellbeing Service (PAWS)’ regarding concerns about longer-term housing pets from households that have been affected by domestic and family violence. Concerns also raised about funding for pets with owners under 65 yo.</p>	<p>Response letter prepared by TCCS.</p> <p>Action item 2.3.2 specifically targets identifying and implementing agreed opportunities for collaboration to support vulnerable animals.</p>							√ Vulnerable animals
–	<p>Submission sought government support for greyhound racing in the ACT on the basis that the ACT greyhound racing industry has the highest animal welfare standards in the ACT and is in line with community values.</p> <p>CGRC and other key stakeholders should have been consulted in the preparation of the strategy and been contacted when the strategy was made available for consultation.</p>	<p>The debate regarding the future of greyhound racing in the ACT is considered outside the scope of the AWMS.</p> <p>Noted for future consultation processes.</p>							√ Seeking govt support for greyhound racing industry
–	<p>Strategy should provide for a review of all legislation that impacts on animals including</p>	<p>The impacts of urban development on biodiversity and recreational opportunities are considered when rezoning land for</p>			√	√		√ (oppose cat containment)	

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	<p>companion dogs (ie planning policy regulation and legislation).</p> <p>Codes of Practice: AJP opposes current practices for barn and free range systems and control of pest and native animals and in particular current practices under the Kangaroo Management Plan that are not based on plausible research or evidence.</p> <p>Loss of open space and habitat due to infill and urban sprawl.</p> <p>Police should play a vital role in responding to animal welfare issues.</p>	<p>urban development and master-planning urban areas. This is a requirement under the <i>Planning and Development Act 2007</i> and the Territory Plan and the Planning Strategy. Dog parks continue to be provided to meet public demand for off-leash exercise areas.</p> <p>AWAC, which is an independent committee that provides advice to the Minister responsible for animal welfare, develops and reviews Codes of Practice. The AWMS provides for a review of current Codes of Practice (action 1.2.1, 1.2.3 and 1.3.2</p> <p>The Kangaroo Management Plan addresses culling of kangaroos. This is prepared based on sound scientific advice and considers animal welfare issues. The Plan is periodically reviewed. Comments to be provided to EPSDD.</p> <p>See response paragraph 1.</p> <p>Noted. No change required.</p>							

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	<p>AJP opposes killing of pest/naturalised animals.</p> <p>AJP opposes cat containment</p> <p>Definitions of 'humane', 'suffering', 'sentience' and 'wild native and exotic fauna'.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Cats have a negative impact on native animal populations and cause nuisance to neighbours when allowed to roam. Cats that are contained are generally healthier and live longer. They are less likely to suffer injuries through fights with other animals or misadventure. They are also less likely to catch diseases. The cost of containing cats is being considered as part of the Cat Management Strategy that is currently being prepared.</p> <p>Definitions reviewed, no changes made.</p>							
-	<p>Supportive of many of the proposed outcomes and actions.</p> <p>Legislation should be reviewed more frequently than every 5 years.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted. No change. The AWMS provides for a review of legislation within 12 months and a review every at least 5 years after (Action 1.3.4). Consider changing the way timeframes are indicated in</p>	✓		✓	✓			

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	<p>Explore non-lethal options to manage native animals (eg kangaroos in the ACT (ie fencing and overpasses)</p> <p>Recommends that new codes of practice be prepared with a similar timeframe to review of existing codes of practice. Need code that deals with destocking and transporting commercial poultry.</p> <p>Develop and implement management plans under the <i>Conservation Act 2014</i>: needs to include a vigorous consultation process (eg eastern grey kangaroos)</p> <p>Need to strengthen outcome relating to compliance ie to meet community expectations and ensure appropriate action is taken and penalties applied as required.</p>	<p>AWMS as it has caused some confusion.</p> <p>Kangaroo populations are controlled to protect the environment (eg native fauna species that are threatened by over-grazing). Alternative methods continue to be trialled (eg contraceptives given to Weston Park kangaroo population).</p> <p>Agree. See actions 1.2.3, 4.6.4 and 4.8.2.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>							

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	Suggest an independent office if animal welfare I the ACT	The AWAC fulfils this role as a Ministerial advisory committee representing community views on animal welfare in the ACT. Representatives are independent of government.							
-	<p>On-line survey was very short and of high level – not very useful</p> <p>5 Freedoms has been replaced by 5 Domains model.</p> <p>Code review urgently needed.</p> <p>Need to review definition of best practice. Request that all references to best practice be removed. Best practice requires scientific rigor and significant enforcement effort.</p> <p>Advisory groups (eg AWAC) should not have representatives from industry and animal user groups that are biased. Membership should be based on scientific, technical or strategic expertise in animal welfare matters.</p> <p>ACT standards should be higher than national standards.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Consider changes to AWMS.</p> <p>See action 1.2.1.</p> <p>Agree to review definition.</p> <p>Animal advisory groups should have a broad representation to ensure all aspects of animal welfare are considered. See also action 1.3.1</p> <p>Noted</p>	√		√	√			√
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	<p>Establish an independent statutory agency - the Australian Commission for Animal Welfare – to develop national standards to be adopted by state and territory govts.</p> <p>Compliance and enforcement – should be focused on all animals (farms, greyhound racing and breeding) not just companion animals.</p>	<p>Beyond the scope of the AWMS</p> <p>Noted.</p>							
–	<p>Recognises the importance of education.</p> <p>Changes to legislation should include meaningful consultation.</p> <p>Compliance and enforcement needs to be resourced.</p> <p>Interested in representation on AWAC</p>	<p>Noted. TCCS is currently developing a public education program to raise the community’s awareness of responsible pet ownership. See also actions 2.1.1 and 4.1.1.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>See section under Objective 5.</p> <p>Currently, AWAC membership is determined under the <i>Animal Welfare Act 1992</i>.</p>	√				√		AWAC membership

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		http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/ni/2015-219/current/pdf/2015-219.pdf Nominations are considered by the Minister for appointment to the AWAC. See action 1.3.1: Review governance arrangements for AWAC to support its roles as an expert advisory group.							
-	Opposed to kangaroo culling and the Kangaroo Management Plan	Comments to be provided to EPSDD which is responsible for kangaroo management and the Kangaroo Management Plan. See also, Objective 4 and actions 4.3.1 and 4.3.2 of the AWMS.							✓ Opposed to kangaroo cull

Other comments (internal):

- Review photographs on AWMS to ensure they reflect legislative and policy requirements. Page 14 – are dogs allowed to swim here? Page 18 – small child in charge of dog (is dog under control?) also using extendable lead, the use of which TCCS is currently reviewing.
- Access to Codes of Practice: not all Codes are accessible. For example, the Animal Welfare (Pet Grooming Establishments) Code of Practice is not on the legislative website, only the approval notice and Explanatory Statement are available. Need to address this.
- Question the use of colour coding to identify the timeframes for actions. This is only helpful if the document is reproduced in colour. Also requires referring back to key to determine timing. It may be more appropriate to add a column to the actions and identify the priority there.