SUBJECT: Allow dogs to be part of our social lives!

Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

As a voter in your electorate I would like to understand where you stand in terms of allowing dogs into pubs & bars?

The role dogs play in our families have changed dramatically over the years and they form an essential part of our social lives. They connect people in the communities and create a lot of positivity around them. This improves the quality of life in our electorate, as it is always nicer to live in an area where people actually know each other, stop for a chat, have coffee together, meet up regularly… This is all thanks to our dogs!

More than 9 million people in Australia live with a dog and yet they are not able to visit their local pub or bar with their furry companions due to current strict legislation, which claims dogs create a hazard for food safety.

Considering no reports have been identified in a literature scan where human illness has been caused by consumption of food contaminated by pathogens originating from an infected dog, we believe current legislation is way too strict and is causing a negative impact on our communities.

We believe in pub owner’s freedom to decide whether they (and their communities) would like to have their furry companions around them or not. This is a very common practice across many countries in the world such as the UK and many countries in the continental Europe.

**Do you support the initiative of relaxing the current legislation to allow dogs into pubs?**

Best Regards,

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