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**FORMAL SUBMISSION - SUPPLEMENTAL  
SENATE REGIONAL, RURAL AFFAIRS  
AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE  
INQUIRY INTO THE NATIONAL  
ANIMAL WELFARE BILL 2005**

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Dogs Deserve Better – NO CHAINS welcomes the reconsideration of this bill in an effort to promote and enhance animal welfare throughout the community. Due to the organisational charter, this submission will only deal with the bill as it affects dogs.

As stated in our original submission, the organisation generally supports the direction of the bill as it provides a major step towards promoting animal welfare throughout the community. Our concerns still relating to excessive tethering and a lack of effective imprisonment options remain.

The organisation applauds section 64(3) relating to breeders retaining more than 25 dogs at one time. The organisation advocates that the language of this section be extended to all and reducing the total number of dogs be to ten (10) as a means to eliminate the scourge of puppy mills.

Since our first submission during 2003, many United States counties have toughened local ordinances relating to tethering of dogs in response to concerned citizens and groups wishing to live in a harmonious community along with bringing those responsible for animal cruelty to justice.

In all other respects, our original submission remains unaltered.