

Thursday, 25th July, 2024

**Questions on Notice from Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Amendment (Virtual Stock Fencing) Bill 2024 hearing**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide additional information.

**Questions on Notice:**

From Ms Charishma Kaliyanda, regarding virtual fencing for **cats** and what other jurisdictions that do this well.

**Response:**

Currently virtual fencing for cats is expressly permitted in Victoria, not mentioned in Queensland and Tasmania and banned in Western Australia, South Australia, ACT and Northern Territory.

Animal Care Australia would argue that any states not permitting invisible fences for cats is not prioritizing animal welfare, or ensuring that keeping of animals is encouraged or affordable.

Animal Welfare Victoria has more information on containment collars and virtual electric fencing here:  
<https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/livestock-and-animals/animal-welfare-victoria/pocta-act-1986/electronic-collars/containment-collars>

Kind Regards,



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