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Dear Committee,

**Regulatory approaches to ensure the safety of pet food**

**Please find our submission attached/following**

As long term owners of pet dogs, cats and ferrets — intelligent carnivores with very specific biological needs — we are delighted that the safety of processed pet food is now being investigated by the Australian Government.

Please do everything in your power to ensure the mass cruelty to pets is fully investigated and appropriate preventative measures are instituted.

We shall be pleased to provide more information as you may require.

We agree to the publication of our submission on the internet.

With thanks,

Yours faithfully,

Mr and Mrs Concerned

Submission: Mr and Mrs Concerned

(IF YOUR SUBMISSION IS LONG, PUT A SUMMARY OF POINTS HERE)

Initially, as with almost all other pet owners, my husband and I believed that the best, indeed the only way to feed our pets was by using the commercially available canned and packet products. EXPAND ON THIS, TELL **YOUR** STORY

But then we progressively/suddenly became aware that the commercial products were harmful.

Specifically: LIST **YOUR** EXPERIENCES, MAKE LINKS TO INTERNET ARTICLES/WEBSITES FOR INSTANCE:

- TV, media, [RSPCA and etc pushed the commercial junk food](#)
- Vets promoted and sold the commercial junk
- We were browbeaten by vets who insisted we feed their prescription brands
- We then discovered WEB SITE [www.rawmeatybones.com](http://www.rawmeatybones.com)
- We then read the books *Work Wonders* and *Raw Meaty Bones*
- Our pets became miraculously better when we stopped feeding commercial food
- We fed commercial minced raw products thinking we were doing the right thing.
- But it was only when we started feeding whole carcasses/raw meaty bones that our pets began to glow with health
- It's essential for carnivores to clean their teeth at every meal.
- See Dr Lonsdale's latest article published by [Sydney University: Raw meaty bones essentials](#)
- Etc, Etc,

We now provide our responses under the Committee's Headings:

### **Possible regulatory approaches to ensure the safety of pet food, including both the domestic manufacture and importation of pet food**

We are of the view that the current concerns arise out of the megaesophagus outbreak in police dogs as reported in the media and the presence of plastic particles in dry dog 'food'. It's our view that these matters are but a tiny tip of an enormous iceberg. Problems have gone undetected and unresolved due to failure of regulators to enforce current regulations.

Please see [www.rawmeatybones.com](http://www.rawmeatybones.com) and the book *Raw Meaty Bones: Promote Health*.

Please see how systematic failures affect the veterinary educational and regulatory mechanisms as per the Freedom of Information pages:  
<http://www.rawmeatybones.com/foi.php>

Conceptually it's impossible to *manufacture* food that is safe for pets. There have never been controlled studies demonstrating that artificial, manufactured products are either suitable or safe for the feeding of domestic carnivores.

Introducing more regulators and more regulations, in our view, is not an appropriate approach.

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Of much greater importance is to hold a full Commission of Inquiry with full judicial powers. ETC, ETC, ETC.

**a.) The uptake, compliance and efficacy of the Australian Standard for the Manufacturing & Marketing of Pet Food (AS5812:2017)**

AS5812:2017 is [available for \\$121.52](#). It's a creation of the [Pet Food Industry Association of Australia Inc.](#) The mostly [huge commercial enterprises, but with some smaller minced raw meat producers](#) are responsible for the widespread cruelty and suffering affecting pets, pet owners and the wider community.

Besides the PFIAA the [following were involved in the development of the document](#):

- Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (Commonwealth)
- Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Commonwealth)
- Department of Primary Industries, Victoria
- Pet Food Industry Association of Australia
- RSPCA Australia.
- Australian Veterinary Association

Zero credibility can be accorded AS5812:2017, its uptake, compliance or efficacy. There's a well-worn saying: 'Foxes in the hen house'. And it's of especial concern that Commonwealth and State Governments were involved in the drafting of the document.

**b.) The labelling and nutritional requirements for domestically manufactured pet food**

As per our comments above, the labelling and nutritional requirements of manufactured pet 'food' cannot meet fundamental biological standards.

The Australian Government should not be party to intellectually bogus concepts that lure unsuspecting consumers into the belief that harmful products are either suitable or safe for intended purpose.

We believe that existing labelling laws should be enforced to the full.

If the commercial products remain on supermarket shelves, then warning labels MUST be attached.

Pet owners need to know that the commercial products slowly and sometimes rapidly harm pets forced to consume those products.

If anyone wishes to promote the opposite view, then we ask: Why is it that zoos do not feed the canned and packaged products?

**c.) The management, efficacy and promotion of the AVA-PFIAA administered PetFAST tracking system**

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See comments above. Besides foxes we can talk about Dracula in charge of the blood bank as per [Senator Stirling Griff's media release](#). The AVA-PFIAA system provides the vet/pet-food alliance with early warning of acute toxicity and bacterial contamination issues. It does nothing to address the chronic debilitating ill-health arising from the junk pet food industry.

**d) The feasibility of an independent body to regulate pet food standards, or an extension of Food Standards Australia New Zealand's remit**

Certainly an independent, properly informed body needs to oversee the dismantling of the commercial pet-food industry and its body of co-conspirators.

**e.) The voluntary and/or mandatory recall framework of pet food products**

All processed pet foods injure the health of animals. From time to time identifiable additional hazards arise — for instance chemical or bacterial contamination — that give rise to outbreaks of acute disease and death.

The manufacturers need to be held accountable for both the long term chronic disease arising from their products and the sporadic outbreaks of acute disease.

We believe that Australian Governments should be and probably are legally liable for the sale and promotion of known harmful products under the guise that those products are suitable, safe and enjoy official/Government endorsement.

**f.) The interaction of state, territory and federal legislation**

Only by setting up a major Commission of Inquiry, will it be possible to draw together all the disparate pieces of legislation affecting consumer safety, animal cruelty, vet education, dangerous dog legislation, labelling and etc. This [summary](#) only partly deals with the various acts and regulations.

**g.) Comparisons with international approaches to the regulation of pet food**

Comparisons are of little or no value since no other country has properly dealt with the abomination of the pet-food scourge. Effectively, in all other countries the 'Dracula in the blood bank', 'foxes in the hen house' syndrome prevails.

Australia must as matter of vital national interest act to curb the activities of the multi-national pet-food makers.

**h.) Any other related matters**

USE THIS SECTION TO VOICE ANY OTHER CONCERNS.  
AUSTRALIA CAN LEAD THE WORLD. AUSTRALIA CAN BECOME THE SOURCE OF WHOLESOME NATURAL FOOD FOR THE WORLD'S PET CARNIVORES. Both *Raw Meaty Bones: Promote Health* and *Work Wonders: Feed your dog raw meaty bones* contain lots of information as to how to make the change to healthful food.