

Submission tips revised: 5/7/18

Submission **deadline 20 July 2018**

No need to make big submission. An email may be sufficient.

Hi,

Tom here, making a few suggestions for effective submission writing.

- Relax, enjoy the process
- Likely you'll never do a more important thing for the animals of Australia and the world
- Start right now, no time to waste
- Write a rough draft
- Share with friends and family to refine ideas and make corrections *****
- Allow a few days for the ideas to gel
- Once in final form, submit using the [online system](#),

By email: rrat.sen@aph.gov.au

By post:

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The Senate Office says:

The best submissions:

- clearly address some or all of the terms of reference—you do not need to address each one
- are relevant and highlight your own perspective
- are concise, generally no longer than four to five pages
- begin with a short introduction about yourself or the organisation you represent
- emphasise the key points so that they are clear

- outline not only what the issues are but how problems can be addressed, as the committee looks to submissions for ideas to make recommendations
- only include documents that directly relate to your key points
- only include information you would be happy to see published on the internet.

Submissions that include complex argument, personal details or criticise someone may take the committee longer to process and consider.

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Here is the list of topics being considered:

Possible regulatory approaches to ensure the safety of pet food, including both the domestic manufacture and importation of pet food, with particular reference to:

- a. the uptake, compliance and efficacy of the Australian Standard for the Manufacturing & Marketing of Pet Food (AS5812:2017);
- b. the labelling and nutritional requirements for domestically manufactured pet food;
- c. the management, efficacy and promotion of the AVA-PFIAA administered PetFAST tracking system;
- d. the feasibility of an independent body to regulate pet food standards, or an extension of Food Standards Australia New Zealand's remit;
- e. the voluntary and/or mandatory recall framework of pet food products;
- f. the interaction of state, territory and federal legislation;
- g. comparisons with international approaches to the regulation of pet food; and
- h. any other related matters

Submissions should be received by 20 July 2018.

Please check out all the guidelines at:

https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/How_to_make_a_submission

*******Beware**, this Inquiry is intended to find out the bad things about processed pet foods. From your own experiences you can tell about unsatisfactory outcomes without needing to say that the manufacturers and vets are criminals/crooks/fraudsters.

Talk about your experiences and the Committee will get the message. Also there will be a better chance of your submission being accepted and published for all the world to see.

The Easy English instructions are [here](#).

Upload your submission [here](#).

Send your submission by email: rrat.sen@aph.gov.au

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