Petition calling for “pet friendly” policies in apartments, retirement villages and rental properties

To the Honourable Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly in New South Wales. This petition of the people of New South Wales brings to the attention of the House:

Companion Animals play a very important role in people’s lives, and Australia has the highest rate of pet ownership in the world. More people are living in apartments, especially in the inner city; retirement villages are an increasing choice for our ageing population; and many residents rely on rental accommodation.

However, current accommodation by-laws, rules, and tenancy agreements can impose blanket “no pets” restrictions that prevent responsible pet owners being able to live with their companion animals. Laws and regulations punish responsible owners, forcing some to give up their beloved companions.

Pet refusals should only be permitted where there are proven problems.

The undersigned petitioners therefore ask the NSW Government to remove blanket pet bans in by-laws, rules, and tenancy agreements in order to help promote responsible pet ownership.

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