

HAVE YOUR SAY ON COUNCIL'S DRAFT ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

MEDIA RELEASE

Port Augusta City Council is continuing to encourage responsible dog and cat ownership and has developed a draft Animal Management Plan for 2022-2027.

Council at its meeting held on 09 November 2021, resolved that a Public Consultation and Engagement process be undertaken to seek community endorsement for the Animal Management Plan 2022-2027.

Port Augusta City Council is required to develop a 5 year Animal Management Plan for the City. The review of the Animal Management Plan has been completed to ensure compliance with the requirements of Section 26A of the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995*.

The draft plan aims to encourage responsible dog and cat ownership by;

- reducing public and environmental nuisance caused by dogs and cats;
- promoting the effective management of dogs and cats, whilst focusing on the need to educate the community in respect of the law relating to dogs and cats;
- harnessing the benefits of dog and cat ownership; and
- ensuring that the expenditure of registration fees addresses domestic animal issues.

A copy of the draft Animal Management Plan 2022-2027 is available from the Civic Centre and Public Library or alternatively from Council's Website https://www.portaugusta.sa.gov.au/enquiries/your-say/current-consultation/draft-animal-management-plan-2022-2027 under the home page 'Your Say' web button.

Council is now seeking comments and questions from the community and stakeholders in relation to the draft Plan.

Written submissions in relation to the draft Animal Management Plan 2022-2027 should be forwarded to Kevan Delaney, Director Infrastructure, PO Box 1704, Port Augusta SA 5700, or forwarded electronically via email to admin@portaugusta.sa.gov.au and must be received before 4:00pm on Friday 03 December 2021.

Please note that details of submissions may be included in a report within Council's public agenda and copies of all submissions will be provided to Elected Members.

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