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Let's stop the oversupply and euthanasia of healthy pets

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CC PIAA Board

Dear Steve

Thank you for your note of 9<sup>th</sup> January. I have (4→) 3 points to discuss:

**1. Your refusal to endorse an independent enquiry:**

I was surprised to read in your letter that PIAA sees “.....no need to support a parliamentary enquiry into the Bill”.

Your Board needs to understand in the first instance that the proposed enquiry is not ‘into the Bill’ as you incorrectly say:

*I quote from my previous letter: “.....formal and independent government enquiry into the NSW pet industry via the Upper House in NSW Parliament.”*

The enquiry is proposed to investigate the total supply and demand chain and associated issues across the pet industry and its dynamics in NSW – it has nothing to do with “the Bill”, other than the outcomes of an enquiry will provide Ministers with full, detailed relevant and factual information with which to make a voting decision in the Bill.

Can you advise please:

- 1.1 Does PIAA want Ministers who will be voting on the Bill (whether you like it or not) to have full, honest, factual and relevant information upon which to base their decision?
- 1.2 If you do not, we would like to understand why not.

**2. The full Board of PIAA apparently is not unanimous and seemingly does not agree with your reply to us:**

In the last edition of PIN news, Bob Croucher (PIAA Board Director) says:

*“If you are truly interested in the welfare of animals have a serious think about the best way this can be done. The first thing would be to collect genuine and recent data – how many surrendered animals are micro-chipped, how many animals that are euthanased could be rehomed, number of animals sold through pet shops, internet, trading post, other media. What animals are given away to family and friends. Without this data there can be no blame game.”*

We are confused Steve. That is EXACTLY what a full and independent enquiry will establish!!!

We endorse Bob's words: “Without this data there can be no blame game.”

*(Grammar Steve, Bob really means “With this data, there can be no blame game”)*



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So, do some of your Board members want the data, and some don't? Please could you clarify this for us.

### **3 Who exactly are the puppets of PETA?**

Your PIAA Board Director further says: *"It would appear that the ultimate agenda of PETA is not the welfare of animals but the liberation of animals from humans. The Australian puppets of PETA should decide what their ultimate intention is."*

We find this an interesting comment.

1 PETA is not operational in this country

2 We think we know everyone who is supporting the passing of this Bill and the removal of the need for unnecessary killing of healthy animals in Pounds and shelters – we don't know anyone or any group who is associated or related or playing puppet to PETA.

Would you kindly inform us who exactly these people or groups are?

I would like to end with some statements that you can quote us on – just so that that PIAA and we have a common understanding.

I know we speak for the majority of the Bill supporting groups and people who are opposed to the sales of live animals in pet shops:

- I. We all have pets (cats and dogs), in some cases many of them. We don't know anyone involved on our side of the fence who is against having pets
- II. We all actively help people to acquire pets – this is going on 7 days a week.
- III. We all spend many many thousands of dollars annually in the pet industry – purchasing animals, food, vet bills, accessories, kennelling, holiday homes and training. (Even you Steve have trained one of our own dogs a few years back)

So to imply that the people and groups supporting the Bill want *"the liberation of animals from humans"* is a blatant, transparent and I have to say, stupid misrepresentation.

Would you comment on this please.

With regards

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