



DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GRANT

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COMMUNITY CONSULTATION SOUGHT ON DOG AND CAT MANAGEMENT PLAN 2022-2027

The District Council of Grant is asking the community to review and provide feedback on the Dog and Cat Management Plan for 2022-2027.

The draft Dog and Cat Management Plan is based on the legislative requirements as prescribed by the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* (the Act) with the intention to meet local priorities, and respond to feedback and input from the community, industry stakeholders, Elected Members, and Council staff.

The Plan focuses on key initiatives including various actions plans, encouragement to all dog owners to participate in dog training programs, investigation of an animal behaviourist / trainer to assist with resolving difficult nuisance dogs, and investigation of the feasibility of Dog Parks being established in the Council area.

Deputy Mayor, Gill Clayfield, highlighted that “pets can enrich our lives, provide physical and mental health benefits, and help to facilitate social interaction with communities. However, pet ownership also comes with responsibilities. The Plan will shape Council’s involvement in managing many of these responsibilities and ensuring community safety”.

To review the Plan and submit your feedback, head to the Your Say DCG site (<https://yoursaydcg.com.au/>) where the survey will remain open until Friday 24 June 2022. Alternatively, contact council to complete a hard copy feedback form.

Following this public consultation, an updated version of the draft Dog and Cat Management Plan 2022-2027 will be prepared and presented to Council.

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