

7th August 2023

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Dear Sir/Madam,

As a sometime landlord I wish to make a submission re the above matter.

I remain opposed to any suggestion that landlords must agree to tenants bringing animals onto/into the property.

For a number of reasons:-

- 1) Health. If I rented my property to an individual who had animals and I were to move back in I would have to undergo a lengthy cleaning procedure as my health is compromised and domestic animals inside would trigger my chronic health conditions. Cats and dogs should never be allowed inside a house. Dogs in particular are filthy and are constantly picking up bacteria and parasites.
- 2) Impact on Native animals. I do not agree that domestic animals should be allowed outside where native animals live. The effect on our native wildlife is devastating. I am appalled that consideration is being given to any idea whereby our natural environment is predated on by domestic animals. Where I live is a biodiversity hotspot yet roaming domestic animals are a constant threat. I would never consider allowing a tenant to bring a cat or dog here. In fact I would sooner not rent out my property.
- 3) Property Damage. I have seen first hand a property (rental) where a puppy was allowed to defecate inside a house. The faeces were never removed. It was a property that was full carpeted.
- 4) Effect on Neighbours of Barking Dogs etc. I live in a steep narrow valley where dog noise is pronounced and neighbourly relations are damaged because of tenants with dogs.

In conclusion – I feel so strongly about this issue that I would rather not rent out my property or only rent to friends who feel the same way about domestic animals in rental accommodation. If it meant I may not rent out my property at all then so be it.

Yours [REDACTED]

PS Feel free to publish but ensure it is anonymous.