1. The Agriculture and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 (Bill) proposes a number of amendments to portfolio and other legislation.
2. The principal Acts proposed to be amended by the Bill are: *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001*; *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*; *Biosecurity Act 2014; Chemical Usage (Agricultural and Veterinary) Control Act 1988; Drugs Misuse Act 1986,* Part 5B; *Environmental Offsets Act 2014; Exhibited Animals Act 2015; Farm Business Debt Mediation Act 2017; Fisheries Act 1994*; *Food Production (Safety) Act 2000; Forestry Act 1959*; *Justices Act 1886*; *Nature Conservation Act 1992*; *Racing Act 2002*; *Rural and Regional Adjustment Act 1994*; *Summary Offences Act 2005*; and the *Veterinary Surgeons Act 1936*.
3. The Bill includes amendments to address the risks posed by certain types of protest activities directed at animal keeping and agricultural industries.
4. The amendments to the *Summary Offences Act 2005* would increase the maximum penalty for unlawfully entering farming land and expand the types of land where the offence may apply. They would also make a gathering of three or more people at such a place unlawful if it: poses a risk to the safety of any person, animal or animal product; a biosecurity risk; or is likely to cause economic loss to a business operating on the land.
5. The amendments to the *Biosecurity Act 2014* clarify that persons entering such a place may have a general biosecurity obligation and must minimise the biosecurity risks posed by their entry.
6. The amendments to the *Exhibited Animals Act 2015* require that a person not cause or increase a relevant risk and must comply with reasonable instructions from a person responsible for an exhibited animal to enable him or her to manage a relevant risk. They also allow an inspector to direct a non-compliant person to move from the place.
7. The Bill also includes amendments to the *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001 to* address community concern about the suffering of dogs in hot cars, by clarifying that confinement of an animal in a vehicle may be a breach of a duty of care to an animal or an animal cruelty offence.
8. Most of the other amendments in the Bill are broadly directed at the efficient and effective regulation of agriculture, animal management and welfare, biosecurity, forestry and fisheries.
9. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Agriculture and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 into the Legislative Assembly.
10. *Attachments*
* [Agriculture and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)