

Recommendation 3.2:	The recommendation is supported provided provision is made to enable input from all relevant agencies into the proposed MOU between councils, animal welfare organisations and relevant State Government agencies.
Additional Question A:	<p>The recommendation is supported. However, it is strongly suggested that current provisions under Part 5 Division 6 of the CAA in respect breed assessment of declared restricted dogs needs to be reviewed in order to ensure a more objective assessment process.</p> <p>From Council's experience it seems apparent that the vast majority of declared restricted dogs are subjectively assessed as being not of a breed or crossbreed of dog listed under section 55 of the CAA; possibly a model breed assessment standard needs to be developed to ensure an objective and consistent approach to breed assessment is able to be achieved. Anecdotally, the evidence would also suggest that American pit bull terrier or pit bull terrier breeds are being registered as American Staffy or Staffordshire Bull Terrier to circumvent the requirements and restrictions applicable to the keeping of restricted breeds; unfortunately the current breed assessment processes sadly and all too often work against Council officers in their efforts to enforce the restricted dog declaration provisions of the CAA.</p>
WORKING GROUP	
Recommendation 3.4	The recommendation is supported and it is strongly suggested that the proposed national dog attack and dangerous dog database be linked to the NSW Companion Animals Register.
Recommendation 22	The recommendation is supported, however, for the reference group to be effective it would require participation from a wide cross-section of stakeholders to ensure balanced and achievable recommendations and outcomes.
Recommendation 2.3	The recommendation is supported provided funding for research into dangerous dog issues is not the detriment of funding presently provided to councils from registration fees.
RESEARCH FUNDING	
Recommendation 18:	The recommendation is not supported. This proposal may potentially result in a diversion of limited funds from other areas of