1. The purpose of the Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Bill 2008 is to provide a uniform, State-wide legislative framework for the effective management of cats and dogs to:

* encourage responsible cat and dog ownership;
* promote the effective management of cats and dogs; and
* protect the community through the identification and control of dangerous, menacing and restricted dogs.

1. The purpose of the Bill will be achieved through:

* compulsory microchipping for cats and dogs by 12 weeks of age or before transfer of ownership;
* licensing of Permanent Identification Device (PID) Registries to ensure that microchip information is available 24 hours a day, handled securely and shared with all other licensed PID Registries;
* regulating implanters to ensure appropriate information is collected at time of microchipping and the health and well-being of the cat or dog is protected;
* requiring the left ear of cats and dogs to be tattooed by an authorised person under veterinary supervision at the time of desexing;
* requiring the registration of all cats and dogs no later than at 12 weeks of age;
* requiring local governments to create an animal registry containing a general register and restricted dogs register;
* preventing local governments from prohibiting restricted breeds in their local government area;
* removing the identification of cross breeds as restricted breeds;
* introducing a menacing dog category and integrating a dangerous dogs category, to create a State-wide consistent framework for the management of these dogs; and
* clarifying and making consistent the conditions for keeping menacing, dangerous and restricted dogs, in order to better protect the community.

1. Cabinet approved that the Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Bill 2008 be introduced into the Legislative Assembly.
2. *Attachments*

* [Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Bill 2008](Attachments/AnimalMgtB08.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/AnimalMgtB08Exp.pdf)