



## **Briefing**

# NO ANIMAL LEFT BEHIND: A REPORT ON ANIMAL INCLUSIVE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT LAW REFORM

To Hon K	ris Faafoi		
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### Purpose

To provide comment on the report "No animal left behind: A report on animal inclusive emergency management law reform" published 23 January 2019

#### Recommendations

- Note the report considers there is not sufficient statutory direction or dedicated resources to provide adequate and reliable services for animals, particularly companion animals, in times of emergency;
- Note the report recommends changes to a range of Acts and the National Civil Defence Emergency Management Plan 2015, which collectively would represent a significant increase in obligations for animal welfare management in emergencies, especially for CDEM Groups;
- Note animal welfare is recognised in the current the National Civil Defence Emergency Management Plan 2015;
- Agree that the changes to the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 recommended in the report <u>not</u> be included in the upcoming bill to implement the Emergency Management System Reforms;

Agree / Disagree

#### IN CONFIDENCE

5. Note the suggested points for responding to queries on the Government's view of the report.

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