



## Premier of Western Australia

Our Ref: 24-610423

Mr L Payne

Dear Mr Payne

Thank you for your email dated 28 May seeking legislation to prevent the consumption or processing of pet carcass meat in Western Australia.

The Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code defines the animal meats which can be sold for human consumption. Accordingly, the Australian Standards relevant to the processing of animal meat for human consumption are as follows:

- *Hygienic Production and Transportation of Meat and Meat Products for Human Consumption (AS 4696).*
- *Hygienic Production of Rabbit Meat for Human Consumption (AS 4466).*
- *Hygienic Production of Ratite (Emu/Ostrich) Meat for Human Consumption (AS 5010).*
- *Hygienic Production of Crocodile Meat for Human Consumption (AS 4467).*
- *Hygienic Production of Wild Game Meat for Human Consumption (AS 4464).*
- *Construction of Premises and Hygienic Production of Poultry Meat for Human Consumption (AS 4465).*

The above Standards do not include cat or dog carcasses or meat and therefore, these animals cannot be processed or their meat sold for human consumption.

I appreciate you bringing this matter to my attention and trust the information provided allays your concerns and demonstrates that specific laws are not considered necessary.

Yours sincerely

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