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I agree that the Food Standards Australia New Zealand should amend the food standards code which restricts animals in outdoor areas operated by food businesses.

New South Wales, South Australia and Victoria currently allow dogs in outdoor dining areas and have no issues, so QLD should follow suit.

The agency assessment found a low safety risk of spreading diseases from dogs to humans in outdoor dining areas.

And it is common sense that the hospitality industry would benefit from the restriction removal and would give opportunities for business to explore niche markets.

Despite the fact it is currently banned in QLD, on the Sunshine Coast many restaurants will have a dog sitting under at least one table on the weekends. This proves that restaurants owners welcome companion dogs and understand that they can't afford to cut out this large customer base.

It should be up to the individual business owner as to whether Dogs should be allowed in in their outdoor dining area.