

## submissions

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Dear Sir/Madam

I believe Food Standard of Australia and New Zealand (FSANZ) is reviewing the rules about dogs being allowed in outdoor areas of cafes as it has been recognised there is an inconsistent approach across the nation and that the "risk of foodborne transmission of disease from pet dogs in outdoor settings is very low to negligible."

I suspect it would be very difficult to find any scientific evidence of adverse health risks in allowing dogs in outdoor areas of cafes. In Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide dogs are very integrated into the cafe lifestyle and we don't hear of stories of foodborne disease transmission, so I believe it's fair to question the validity of such claims, especially since they impinge of people's rights and lifestyles. In Europe dogs are allowed in cafes, and have been for many years without any risk to the health of humans.

I whole heartily support the drive to either abolish the restriction on dogs at cafes in Queensland and to allow the cafe owners to make the decision as to whether dogs can accompany customers frequenting their establishment. Many of the cafe owners in our local area in Noosa are struggling to keep their businesses viable and would welcome the opportunity to market to dog owners to stop in for a coffee or a meal while walking the dog, many have expressed their wish to allow dogs in cafes but have been worried about the ridiculously high fines they could receive.

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