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Dear Sir/Madam

As a Sunshine Coast resident and frequent patron to surrounding coffee shops/cafes, I am appalled that I am unable to take my well behaved dog with me to these areas. Prior to this law, my dog was a welcomed patron, in fact, he was so well known that locals would call him by name, regularly stop to pat him with a happy smile (sometimes even making people laugh). He would just sit on the floor next to me, happy to take loving pats from anyone that passed!

Now that he is no longer able to come with me to these areas, I too, find that I no longer frequent them as much as I used to as it is inconvenient to have to drop the dog home prior to grabbing a coffee or bite to eat. I am sure that I am not the only patron that has made this choice. I am also sure that many businesses have seen a downturn in sales due to this decision.

Given that the risk of foodborne transmission of disease from pet dogs in an outdoor setting is very low to negligible, surely the individual businesses should have the right to have the final say as to whether pet dogs are allowed on their premises or not. Therefore, your review of this situation is not only vital to the success of many businesses across the Sunshine Coast but also plays an enormous role to the lifestyle we use to share and enjoy with our canine friends on the Sunshine Coast.

Kind Regards

Monica Kohler

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