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**6 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE COMPANION ANIMALS ACT  
1998 - Councillor Roy Maggio****File Number: CLM/19/1/1/6 - BP19/926**

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**MOTION:**

- (a) That Council write to The Hon. Shelley Long MP, Minister for Local Government, proposing the below inclusion to the defences laid out in Section 16(2) of the Companion Animals Act 1998:-

*It is not an offence under this section if the incident occurred:*

- (f) *where a dog is behind a physical barrier such as a fence or enclosure and rushes at or harasses a person or animal*
- (b) That Council seek community support by way of a Council generated petition for the proposed changes to the Companion Animals Act 1998, as outlined in (a) above.
- (c) That Council, upon receipt of at least 10,000 signatories to the petition, present the petition to a session of the NSW Legislative Assembly for discussion by at least three Councillors, including Councillor Maggio, to support the requested changes to the Companion Animals Act 1998.
- (d) That Council write to all dog owners in the City of Ryde explaining the section to be altered and asking them to sign the petition in support of the change of legislation.
- (e) That Council advertise this petition through all our media channels for a 3 month period commencing in October.