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Submissions on the proposalsto change the *Australia New Zealand Food Standards regarding allowing dogs in outdoor dining areas.*

I fully support that companion dogs should be allowed in outdoor dining areas. It should be left up to the individual business to decide and not Government legislation.

The 'Public Health Concerns' have been proven to be negligible. The number of diseases that can be transferred from a dog to a human is small - you'd be more likely to get sick from someone coughing or sneezing. Its common sense that Business owners should have the discretion to allow dogs in outdoor dining areas, but pets will still be banned from indoors and food preparation areas.

Australia tends to be overly restrictive of dogs compared to other societies. Have you ever dined at Maxims in Paris and stayed at the Adlon Hotel in Berlin, or the Ritz Hotel in London, where pets are not only welcomed but will be provided with a meal accompanying their owner if required. A pet can be provided with a berth on a train or a seat in a bus should its owner so desire.

Allowing dogs in cafes fits with where Australians are now at - times have changed.

Regards

Stuart Martens