MEDIA RELEASE
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INDEPENDENT MEMBER FOR BRAITLING

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DOG CONTROL ON TOWN CAMPS

The Member for Braitling, Loraine Braham has written to the Mayor with a number of inquiries regarding the problem of dogs on Town Camps.

Loraine Braham said, “I am aware the Town Council and Tangentyere Council have signed a Memorandum of Understanding re animal control and I am seeking clarification of what this entails.”

Mrs Braham asks -
• Can the Town Council advise what is the process with regard to registration of dogs by owners on town camps?

• Is it similar to the By-Law that applies to other residents living in the town? i.e, do the same by-laws apply to town camp residents as to the rest of the town?

• Does Tangentyere Council have a policy on the number of dogs permitted on town camps or each individual household?

• How often do the Town Council and Tangentyere Council Rangers implement this policy?

“I am aware the “Dr Bob” visits occur every 3 months and has been successful in treating dogs in a number of camps. However, not all camps are covered or could possibly be covered in one day.”

“Why not use a local vet on a regular basis to attend to troublesome dogs?”

“There is a perception that Tangentyere Council need to pay more attention to their core business of caring for camp residents and the Town Council should implement their by-laws for the health and well-being of residents and their dogs.”

“Will the Mayor explain to ratepayers if this is happening,” asks Mrs Braham.

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