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*Martin Govt’s decision to knock back CLP’s bid to ban trading in domestic cat and dog fur short-sighted* - Fed Govt steps in

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The day after the Martin Labor Government knocked back CLP legislation to ban the trading in domestic cat and dog fur the Federal Government has taken action of its own.

CLP member for Goyder Peter Maley said the Federal Government's decision to apply its own ban vindicated the CLP's position on trading in domestic dog and cat fur and re-enforced the indecisiveness of the Martin Labor Government.

Prime Minister John Howard has written to State and Territory governments asking them to support the ban by prohibiting the domestic sale and production of goods using cat and dog fur.

“I now call on the Martin Government to reverse its head in the sand attitude to this issue and now support the ban,” Mr Maley said.

“There is widespread abuse of cats and dogs at Asian fur farms. The CLP shares the belief that such a ban in Australia will mean one less market the industry has and it will help bring an end to the suffering of these cats and dogs.

“Maybe now the Martin Labor Government will listen and join with the CLP's attempts to bring this abhorrent trade to an end.”

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