

## **Is Microchipping And Licensing Of Dogs Enough? A Better Way?**

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Dog bite injuries are largely preventable and yet they remain the major cause of animal related hospitalisation. In February 2025, The Deputy State Coroner of NSW handed down their findings on the death of a five week old baby on the Central Coast of NSW.

Recommendations from this report include licencing of dog owners. Licences will have special categories for owners of particular breeds. Additional conditions would be placed on some owners. Other changes have been recommended to the Companion Animal Act which is due for review in 2025.

This presentation will discuss the pros and cons of licencing of owners and other management suggestions with reference to literature and previous enquiries. Potential welfare benefits for dogs and owners will be discussed.

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