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MEDIA RELEASE

RE: REPORT OF INQUIRY INTO THE DOMESTIC ANIMALS AMENDMENT (PUPPY FARMS AND PET SHOPS) BILL 2016

The Canary and Cage Bird Federation of Australia Inc. (CCBFA) represents many hundreds of clubs nationally. On this issue, we represent approximately 200 community-based bird clubs operating throughout Victoria. Aviculture has a proud animal welfare history in Australia largely via the clubs and their various governing and representative bodies.

1. We applaud the process, findings and recommendations of the Committee Inquiry and encourage Government to implement all 18 recommendations. In particular, we support Recommendations 15-18.
2. Given Minister Pulford's statement today

"It is clear from this report that the Bill is unlikely to pass the Parliament in its current form."

We call on the Andrew's Government to forthwith implement Recommendation 18.

"RECOMMENDATION 18: That the government provide an exemption for all bird clubs from Section 96, *Domestic Animals Act 1994* in the interim period while the Bill is being reformulated to allow them to continue current sales practices."

Experience tells us that cooperation and consultation is the answer to building a legislative framework that will be supported and thence achieve the desired welfare outcomes and we look forward to our involvement in this process. Community-based bird clubs are the experts on avian welfare – we have been operating in this space for hundreds of years.

Sincerely,



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