Regulatory approaches to ensure the safety of pet food Submission 19

Committee Secretary Senate Standing Committees on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Department of the Senate Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600 Australia Dear Committee, As long term owners of dogs and cats, wonderful for our children and grand children the sad side of this has been the declining health of our animals due to the junk food we were advised to feed them and the cost involved in vet bills which were never ending, then we found out about feeding Raw Meat and Bones Chicken Bones Roo meat they can tear apart and clean their teeth, the difference has been remarkable all this suffering by our animals and selves could have been avoided if we had been given the correct advice from the Vets we trusted with our pets we were never given a choice according to the Vets the only way was junk food no bones to clean their teeth and having to put our beloved pets down due to rotten teeth is shameful coming from our Vets and those who train them. Thanks to the likes of Dr. Tom Lonsdale and other Vets who do the right thing for our animals. Over the last few years I have done a lot of research for myself which has proven the Raw Food Diet is best practice. Now we have Healthy calm dogs Excellent teeth and gums now shocking breath No skin infections and scratching beautiful shine on their coats Best practice for the environment _ less dog poo to pick up which dries up quickly instead mounds of dog poo Councils should be adopting these messages to help keep our environment clean by backing the Raw Food Diet Please investigate the pet food industry and their influences.

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission

Yours faithfully

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