



Skylos Ecology Pty Ltd

www.skylosecology.com

Committee Secretary
Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

To the members of Parliamentary Joint Committee on Law Enforcement,

RE: An Australian Standard for the training and use of private contracted security and detection dogs.

This submission is being written to ensure clarity around the specific mention of 'biosecurity' in the development of this Australian standard.

Skylos Ecology Pty Ltd is a private business that conducts environmental monitoring through the deployment of detection dogs. We are involved in biosecurity work by assisting in the monitoring / identification of alligator weed for Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions (DJPR), Biosecurity and Agriculture Services branch, as part of their High-Risk Invasive Plants (HRIP) Program.

My understanding is that this specific standard is geared more to law enforcement and border security, however if the clarification is not made, it could create unforeseen issues for these types of conservation projects.

It is my request that the committee provide clarity in the definition section of the standard on the types of work it classifies as 'biosecurity' or ensures that companies like Skylos Ecology Pty Ltd have the opportunity to review the standard during the standard development and prior to its release.

Additionally, can you please ensure that my details are registered for updates surrounding the progress of this specific standards development.

Regards,

Tracy Lyten
Director
Skylos Ecology Pty Ltd
(e) contact@skylosecology.com