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Sent: Sunday, 6 May 2012 4:54 PM  
To: Information  
Subject: DOGS IN OUTDOOR DINING AREAS

Dear Sir/Madam,

I note that this matter is under review, and that one of the criteria is that the likely transmission of disease is low.

My objection to this proposal is the behaviour of a significant minority of dogs.

For example we visited a coffee shop in Sandy Bay this morning. A lady tethered her dog to an outside table, came in to order her coffee, leaving the animal barking at the window of the premises.

This was not appreciated, and neither was the sight of dog urine on the footpath, adjacent to tables for humans to eat and drink, when we left.

Several times I have been in Salamanca Place when dog owners have brought their pets along.

This often works until other people bring their dogs too, and then there's often barking and misbehaviour as the animals vie for supremacy.

Many of these animal should not be in public dining areas, and it is hard to differentiate the well behaved from the poorly behaved - it doesn't take much to change the former to the latter if there's any disturbance or other dogs playing around.

People go out to meet their friends and have a relaxing time - not to be assistant pet minders.

It is ironic that when we have finally begun to conquer the smokers, yet another nonsense arrives to potentially lower our standard of living.

Please show some common sense in this matter and leave public eating areas to the paying public, not domestic pets, which belong at home.

Thank you for your interest,

Yours sincerely

Trevor Wise