

Summary of Public Questions

24 April 2018



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7.1 Ms Mo Wyse - Notice to Comply

Question:

I own a small business in Fitzroy, Smith & Deli. I have on Tuesday, 17 April, received a non-compliance (RPF/4995) from a Health Officer for the "control of animals and pests" in my shop. No food is prepared nor consumed in the shop area. Can you tell me what law I'm violating and if there are any special permits I can apply for to allow, specifically, dogs in my shop?

Response:

The Mayor advised that as part of the legislation we are unable to have animals apart from some exemptions i.e. people with disabilities where there is food handling. The regulations are very clear in terms of when animals are not allowed to be within dining areas. If this is something business owners are promoting then I would assume that they are not familiar with the local law.

The Director Corporate Business and Finance also added that if this is something that is happening in other venues and officers are notified then officers will ensure that the venue is complying with the local law. Council have qualified health officers that assess all venues. Officers made an assessment that the business premises of Ms Wyse was not compliant with State legislation.

It was also suggested that Ms Wyse contact the State Government/Health Minister to put forward her request of allowing animals in venues/dining areas.