

**PE1706/E**

Petitioner submission of 12 June 2019

I am emailing in response to the committee meeting from 30/05/19. There are a few points that I feel just need to be addressed with regards to the discussion and course of action the committee have decided to take.

While I think it is excellent that the petition has raised the issue of homeless people and the relationship with their pets and I'm pleased the committee are addressing this, I feel that a key point of my petition has been completely overlooked.

The main issue being raised is the discrimination of people in private rented accommodation who are being forced to look for homes where they can keep a pet. Most people in the private rental sector are discriminated against right from the beginning as even the adverts for property disclose "no pets." We are very aware that local authority housing have a relaxed view on responsible pet ownership which is agreeably a step in the right direction, but the issue here is private landlords. I feel it was not even discussed. Many people in the private rental sector, like myself, will be renting for most of their adult lives. But almost all private rental properties have no pets clauses in their leases. It is at the landlord's discretion. However, landlords are now becoming more unwilling to allow pets in any properties. I feel this very much needs to be addressed.

I look forward to any views or comments that can be brought back from this.