The assessment processes below follow from the giving by a local council of a notice of intention to declare the dog a restricted dog. The dog's owner MUST continue to comply with the requirements in that notice until the assessment processes are finalised.

What you need to do next…

Breed Assessor

You MUST provide this **PINK copy** of the assessment statement to the dog's owner within *3 working days*.

Dog Owner

If the assessor has Disagreed with Statements (1) AND (2) on the front of this form

1) Your dog will **NOT** be declared a **RESTRICTED** dog.
2) The approved breed assessor who conducted this assessment will send a copy of this statement to the local council that served the notice of intention to declare the dog a restricted dog.
3) The council will record your dog's breed report on the NSW Companion Animals Register.

If the assessor has Agreed with Statement (1) on the front of this form

- The approved breed assessor who conducted this assessment will send a copy of this statement to the local council that served the notice of intention to declare the dog a restricted dog.
- **The council will declare your dog to be RESTRICTED. You MUST then, by law, comply with the following control requirements as prescribed by Section 56 (1) (a) – (h) of the Companion Animals Act 1998, including:**
  - **Desex** your dog within 28 days.
  - **Display** a sign on your property showing the words "Warning Dangerous Dog" in letters clearly visible from the boundaries of the property.
  - **Enclose** your dog in its prescribed enclosure within 3 months. Your local council will give you specifications for the enclosure in which the dog must be kept. As soon as your dog is declared RESTRICTED, and until you have completed its enclosure, the dog must be sufficiently restrained to prevent a child from having access to it.
  - **Collar** your dog at all times with the prescribed collar required by law, whenever your dog is outside its enclosure.
  - **Muzzle** your dog securely enough to prevent your dog biting any person or animal, whenever your dog is outside its enclosure.
  - **Leash** your dog whenever it is outside its enclosure, with an adequate chain, cord or leash held by or secured to a competent person.
  - **Control** your dog when it is outside its enclosure. A competent person must accompany your dog. A maximum of two (2) dogs at one time can be under the control of a competent person, if one of the dogs is dangerous or restricted. The dog must not at any time be in the sole charge of a person under the age of 18 years.
  - **Register** your dog within 7 days, if it is not already registered.
  - **Notify** your Council that the dog:
    - has attacked or injured a person or animal (within 24 hours of the attack).
    - can not be found (within 24 hours after the dog's absence is noted).
    - has died (as soon as practicable).
    - is no longer being ordinarily kept in the area of the council, or that the dog is ordinarily being kept at a different location in the area of the council (as soon as practicable).

If the assessor has Agreed with Statement (2) on the front of this form

- The approved breed assessor who conducted this assessment will send a copy of this statement to the local council that served the notice of intention to declare the dog a restricted dog.
- You now have two options:

  1) **Arrange a Temperament Assessment of your dog at your own expense**
     Section 58C (2) (b) (ii) of the Companion Animals Act 1998 states that a council is not to declare a dog restricted if the owner of the dog provides council with "a written statement by an approved temperament assessor to the effect that the dog is not a danger to the public and is not likely, without provocation, to attack or bite any person or animal".
     To obtain a list of approved Temperament Assessors in your area call ***1300 134 460.***

  2) **Not contest the Notice of Intention to Declare Restricted Dog any further.**
     If you choose this option, **Council will declare your dog to be RESTRICTED**. You **MUST** then comply with the control requirements as prescribed by Section 56 (1) (a) – (h) of the Companion Animals Act 1998 **as listed above.**

These instructions may be available in community languages. Contact your local council for further information