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The Agriculture and Environment Committee
Queensland Parliament

Dear Members,

Thankyou for the opportunity to forward a submission commenting on the proposed Animal Management (Protecting Puppies) and other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016.

I am making this submission on behalf of the Queensland Working Cattle Dog Trial Association Inc. (QWCDTAInc.) whose members are involved with the breeding, rearing, training and trialling of Livestock Working Dogs (LWDs) and of those involved throughout the primary production industry in Queensland, who use these dogs on a daily basis.

The QWCDTAInc. is a Queensland based organisation with members Australia wide. The members of our organisation require LWDs on a daily basis in livestock management and some breed and train LWDs for trials. Some breed high quality LWDs to supply them to Primary Producers. Others breed a few pups for themselves and supply puppies and dogs, surplus to their own requirements, to primary producers for use in the livestock industry. Most importantly, members of our organisation are passionate about the well being of their working dogs.

We would like to commend you on the inclusion of the exemptions for “Working Dogs” in the draft of legislation as **per Part 43E, (3) (b) and 43ZA (1) (a)**. While many of our members will be covered by the listed exemptions, there are some who may not. These could include members that might be:

- Involved in trialling
- Live in a semi rural area on small acreage
- Retired farmers who trial LWDs as a hobby and breed a few replacement dogs
- Train LWDs to supply to primary producers
- Livestock handling contractors and livestock trucking companies

The Nationally accepted Definition for a Livestock Working Dog is:

A dog usually kept or proposed to be kept and/or worked:

- On rural land and/or
- By an owner/breeder or lessee who is a Primary Producer, or a person engaged or employed by a Primary Producer and

Primarily for the purpose of:

- Herding, droving, protecting, tending or working stock or
- Being trained in herding, droving, protecting, tending or working stock.

The QWCDTA Inc. respectfully requests that an appropriate inclusion under both **Division 1 Registration 43E Registration Obligation** and **43ZA (1) (a)** would be:

(3) (b) and (1) (a) a Primary Producer or person engaged or employed by a Primary Producer who has bred the dog from Livestock Working Dogs and/or a person involved with the training of Livestock Working Dogs in herding, droving, protecting, tending or working stock who has bred the dog from Livestock Working Dogs

- to use as a Livestock Working Dog
- to supply the dog to another person to use as a Livestock Working Dog.

As per the statement in **Part 3 of the Bill:**

Amendment of AMCD Act states that:

“Legislation should not, without sufficient justification, unduly restrict ordinary activity LSAs4(2) (a)”

We would like to suggest that, if these people who make a valuable contribution to the supply of LWDs, are not given exemption from the requirements as listed in the current draft of the proposed Legislation, it has the potential to “restrict ordinary activity” and would not only be detrimental to them, but also to the Livestock industry.

Thank you for accepting this submission,



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