

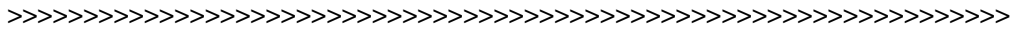
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Established in 1970 as Crow's Nest Working Cattle Dog Club
Changed in 1985 to Queensland Working Cattle Dog Trial Assoc. Inc.

Dear Members,

I wish to make a submission on the proposed Animal Management (Protecting Puppies) and other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016.

I was present at the initial consultation representing the Australian Federation for Livestock Working Dogs, of which the Qld Working Cattle Dog Trial Association Inc is a member. I am very pleased with the outcome regarding the exemption of livestock working dogs, as this was my recommendation in conjunction with the Agforce representative, at this meeting.

However, there would be some of the members of the QWCDTA inc. who would not be covered by this exemption, even though they have working dogs and occasionally breed from them for the purpose of supplying themselves, and other QWCDTA members, with dogs for use in primary producer enterprises. Examples of these members would be :

- Involved in trialling
- Live in a semi rural area on small acreage
- Retired farmers who trial livestock working dogs as a hobby and breed a few replacement dogs
- Train livestock working dogs for primary producers

I would request that these members be included in the Legislation Chapter 2, Part 2, Division 1, 43E Registration Obligation and 43ZA 1, Exceptions for supply of dog, with an additional clause which would read as follows:

43E (3)b 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 working dog or
- To supply the dog to another primary producer to use as a working dog

I would suggest that these additional people make a valuable contribution by supplying high quality livestock working dogs to the livestock industry.

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).**
By disallowing these people an exemption, I believe the Legislation would restrict ordinary activity.

This would not include puppy farms as this could not be seen as an “ordinary activity”.

Thank you for accepting this submission

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