

Submission for the Bill (*Animal Management (Protecting Puppies) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016*) to protect dogs and puppies in this state.

I believe the proposed legislation falls well short of what we believe is really needed to protect these animals and ban puppy farming.

- Standards and guidelines must include: mandatory regular health checks for breeding dogs and all puppies before sale; capping litter numbers per breeding female to a maximum of 3; mandatory desexing for puppies sold and retired breeding dogs, as well as rehoming program; adequate housing/space, exercise, enrichment allowing for normal behaviours, as well as regular human contact; mandatory record keeping; and capping total number of breeding dogs on any property to a maximum of 10.
- The legislation should cover all dogs (no exemptions for working dogs, for example).
- Anyone guilty of animal welfare offences, including having unregistered breeding animals, should have their permit revoked (including the associated property), strong financial penalty to act as deterrent, and animals seized.
- Additional resources need to be made available to the RSPCA Qld or/and Queensland Police to investigate and enforce these animal welfare laws.
- The sale of pets in pet shops should be banned (unless sourced from reputable shelters/rescue groups). I lived in Victoria in the 80s and you couldn't buy from pet shops then and people still managed to get a pet so why would you need to have animals exposed to abuse in pet shops where they are left overnight alone at risk of fire etc.

The proposed legislation needs strengthening along the above guidelines.

Your sincerely

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