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To:	Agriculture and Environment Committee
Subject:	SUBMISSION re CONCERNS animal rights issues / puppy farms regulations and penalties
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FROM BL & SR STEVENS

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SUBMISSION RE STRONGER ENFORCEMENT OF PUPPY FARM REGULATIONS AND PENALTIES

Dear Sir / Madam,

As a concerned animal lover and Qld citizen I want to strongly object to the current situation re animal rights and ask that the laws to prosecute animal abusers be applied in a way that will send a clear message to others. No one, once convicted of animal cruelty should ever be allowed to inflict suffering on another animal.

Such people who want to run puppy farms (and or for cat breeding) must be checked on again and again to make sure they are not disobeying the law. Your Government must make a stand and make an example and not be so lenient with those who commit crimes against animals. I REQUEST THAT ANIMAL LAWS BE MUCH STRONGER TO PROTECT THE ANIMALS THEY USE. Also that they be fined and closed down if found to be in defiance. our society does not need such people or the puppies they produce when the AWL and other places have puppies and older animals for sale. REPUTABLE BREEDERS CAN EASILY BE FOUND IF SOMEONE WANTS A PARTICULAR BREED.

In this day and age we cannot ALLOW certain people to use animals to make profits, forcing them to continually conceive and produce litters, especially those who also keep those animals in poor, unsanitary and deplorable conditions with poor food and water supplies and often no proper vet care etc. They expect such animals to bring forth happy and healthy offspring yet deny them loving human contact and normal outdoor play time and environment etc. Every litter depletes the strength and wellness of the mother and they are used as long as possible and killed for meat or disposed of in the end. I find this very upsetting. IT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE

I appeal to the Government to look into this matter urgently with great care and compassion on behalf of the animals with no voices and no rights to help themselves. The shutting down or tighter regulations of places of such animal cruelty will also reduce the load on the RSPCA and other animal aid centers and shelters who already cannot cope with the amount of unwanted animals. Their work is to be praised and supported.

I refer you to this article about the lack in current legislation <u>http://alq.org.au/help-dogs-and-puppies</u>

Thank you Mr and Mrs Stevens