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To: Agriculture and Environment Committee

**Subject:** "Animal Management (Protecting Puppies) & Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016".

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To: Agriculture and Environment Committee Via email to: aec@parliament.gld.gov.au

Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing to you with my submission on the proposed legislation titled "Animal Management (Protecting Puppies) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016".

I support the proposal of a mandatory breeder ID tracking system, but as a member of the public I do not think these amendments go nearly far enough to end wide spread puppy farm cruelty and abuse.

I hereby submit the following additions to the amendments to be included:

The sale of all pets in pet shops must be banned.

Anyone guilty of animal welfare offences, including having unregistered breeding animals, should have their permit revoked (including a ban on operation at the associated property), incur a strong financial penalty to act as deterrent, have all their animals seized and never be allowed to own animals again.

Mandatory standards and guidelines mentioned must include: regular health checks for breeding dogs, and all puppies before sale; capping litter numbers per breeding female to a maximum of 3 to limit time spent in a breeding facility; 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 must cover ALL dogs (no exemptions for working dogs, no exemptions AT ALL).

Additional resources need to be made available to the RSPCA Qld or/and Queensland Police to investigate and enforce these animal welfare laws, along with further funds directed to welfare groups to house seized animals.

Labor has continually stated that they will end cruel puppy farming as one of their election

promises, however, without the above changes, Queensland's dogs are still at extreme risk of abuse by greedy, careless puppy farmers and your promise will not be fulfilled.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my concerns. I look forward to the next amendment including the above to conclusively end puppy farming in Queensland.

Yours sincerely,

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