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To whom it may concern,

I would like to make a submission for Queensland Puppy Farms.

The Queensland Government recently announced a Bill (*Animal Management (Protecting Puppies) and other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016*) to protect dogs and puppies in the Queensland. These are very welcome but there is a need to further strengthen the laws.

- Standards and guidelines need to include: mandatory regular health checks for breeding dogs and all puppies for sale (which should not be allowed on line or pet shops): capping litter numbers per breeding female to a maximum of 3 with appropriate between each breeding cycle: mandatory desexing of puppies sold and retired breeding dogs, as well as rehoming program: adequate care ie 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 (exemptions for working dogs, for example – they can be badly treated and live outside in poor housing).
- Anyone guilty of animal welfare offences, including having unregistered breeding dogs, eg dirty and crowded housing conditions, should have their permit revoked (including the associated property), strong penalty to act as deterrent and animals seized. Basically the Government enforce their own laws.
- Additional resources need to be made available to the RSPCA, who does incredible work for all animals including wildlife, or/and Queensland Police to investigate and enforce these animal welfare laws.

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