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To:	Agriculture and Environment Committee
Subject:	Submission on Puppy Protection Bill
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Dear Sir/Madam

I am a volunteer at the Animal Hospital at the RSPCA Qld shelter at Wacol. It upsets and sickens me when animals come into us from Puppy Farms. They have appalling health problems, both physical and mental. Often it is more humane to euthanize than extend the suffering of these poor animals. It is so distressing that humans have done this to such loving and innocent animals. It is time to put an end to puppy farms forever. Please act now to end the suffering of these poor dogs and puppies.

Thank you Carol Jelley

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I support the key points (brought together by far greater brains than mine) at Animal Liberation Queensland.

- 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 deterant, 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)