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Dear Sir/ Madam.

My submission in relation to the "Animal Management (Protecting Puppies) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016" follows.

Today we live in a capitalist and consumer society. Human needs are being surpassed by human wants and these wants often come at an expense. Unfortunately that expense is the health and quality of life of the earth, a living organism, and the living creatures upon it. With this in mind I seek to have stronger laws put in place than the current Amendment Bill suggests. Making an income without personal toil is not, I submit, an "honest day's work for an honest day's pay". There are many who are prepared to break the law and exploit others for profit. The current Amendments are not sufficient to end puppy farm cruelty.

The proposal of a mandatory breeder ID tracking system is most definitely an improvement to the system. However, I submit the following further amendments be included:

## - Mandatory standards and guidelines mentioned must include:

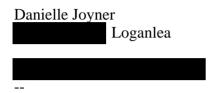
- 1 Biannual vet checks for breeding dogs, and all puppies before sale;
- 2 Females to breed a maximum of 2 litters only to limit time spent in a breeding facility and later health issues;
- 3 Mandatory desexing for puppies sold and retired breeding dogs, as well as rehoming program;
- 4 Free range living, daily exercise, comfortable housing and enrichment allowing for normal behaviours, as well as regular human contact;
- 5 Mandatory record keeping; and capping total number of breeding dogs on any property to a maximum of 2.
- All dogs to be covered under the legislation (no exemptions).
- Permanently revoke permits of anyone guilty of animal welfare offences (including a ban on operation at the associated property), this includes those with unregistered breeding animals. Seize all such animals for rehoming.
- Significant financial penalty to act as deterrent (these funds to be directed into animal welfare for animal victims)
- Increase resources 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.
- Ban the sale of pets in pet shops (with the exception of those from reputable shelters/rescue groups).

Labor stated they will end cruel puppy farming as one of their election promises.

Without these above changes, Queensland's dogs are still at risk, and this promise will not be fulfilled.

Thank you again for the opportunity to raise my concerns. I look forward to the next amendment to include the above to conclusively end puppy farming In Qld.

Yours sincerely,



It may be that some little root of the sacred tree still lives. Nourish it then that it may leaf and bloom and fill with singing birds.