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To: [Agriculture and Environment Committee](#)
Subject: Animal Management (Protecting Puppies) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016
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I am writing with respect to the recently announced Bill to protect dogs and puppies. The proposed changes are highly necessary however from what I've read I do not believe that they are sufficient to properly protect dogs and that more change is required.

Puppy farms are now prolific and parents of puppies that live on these farms live lives of suffering and deprivation. To curtail this vile industry, I believe the following is required as a minimum.

- capping of the number of female breeding dogs allowed per dog breeder (say no more than 6 breeding dogs per breeder);
- litter numbers need to be capped (say no more than 3 litters per dog in their lifetime) with rehoming plans on retirement;
- mandatory vet checks prior to breeding, after each litter and after their litter cap is reached. Also compulsory vet checks of all puppies prior to sale;
- compulsory neutering of all puppies;
- banning of inbreeding;
- compulsory record keeping of all information of every dog;
- regular compliance checks;
- allow the RSPCA to seize dogs from any breeder who houses more dogs than permitted;
- banning the sale of all animals in pet stores.

There should be regular checks made to ensure that breeding dogs are kept in good physical health, including mental and social health. Breeding dogs should be regularly exercised and allowed to play and have positive human contact.

I hope that you will take my comments into consideration before passing this Bill.

Regards
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