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To: [Agriculture and Environment Committee](#)
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Dear Sir / Madam,

I am in favour of a puppy protection bill so that changes to dogs forced to have litter after litter, in conditions that do not meet the dog's behavioural needs are made. In addition to a breeder ID system and a public education program which has been proposed, these changes are not enough.

We hope for the below additional changes to the Puppy Protection Bill to be included:

- 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), a strong financial penalty to act as a deterrent, 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).

Best Regards,
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