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To Whom it May Concern

Please find my submission below with regards to the parliamentary inquiry to investigate the puppy protection Bill. This should not only consider the protection of puppies but also the welfare of the male and female dogs used as breeders

It is encouraging that the Queensland Government wants to see changes to the dog breeding industry so that inherent cruelty found in the dog breeding industry be a thing of the past. Whilst it is important to protect the rights of those breeders who are respectful and do the right thing, the overriding importance is to get it right for the sake of the dogs and their welfare. This whole investigation will be a waste of tax payer's money if it only serves to address a few issues and not thoroughly consider the welfare of the dogs and implement guidelines and laws to protect their welfare.

For the wellbeing of the puppies and dogs the following 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 de-sexing for puppies sold and retired breeding dogs
- A re-homing program established to ensure breeding dogs no longer providing income for the breeder are provided for and not neglected
- Adequate housing/space/exercise be audited to ensure dogs are not kept permanently confined in cramped & inhumane conditions
- An environment that allows for the animals mental health to be considered and allows for normal dog behaviour to be developed and nurtured
- Regular human contact
- Mandatory record keeping by breeder
- Total number of breeding dogs to be capped
- All dogs should be covered by the legislation including working dogs
- Strong financial penalties for those breeders who disregard the law
- Strong financial and criminal convictions for those breeders found guilty of animal cruelty
- Permits should be revoked if anyone is found guilty of animal welfare breaches
- Animals should be seized from offenders by compassionate and by trained animal handlers, and re-homed.
- The Qld Police and the RSPCA need to be given more resources to investigate and enforce these laws
- The sale of pets from Pet Shops/Stores be banned unless re-homing from reputable rescue groups or shelters.

I sincerely hope this Bill gets it right and we see a significant change in how this industry is monitored.

Regards

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