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The Queensland Government recently announced a Bill (*Animal Management (Protecting Puppies) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016*) to protect dogs and puppies in this state. While some of the proposed changes are very welcome, the proposed legislation, despite Government conjecture, is insufficient as it fails to protect these animals and put a stop to indiscriminate puppy farming for all time.

In addition to the existing proposal, additional measures are required :

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
- rehoming program
- adequate housing/space, exercise, enrichment allowing for normal behaviours, as well as regular human contact
- mandatory record keeping
- capping total number of breeding dogs on any property to a maximum of 10.

Additional legislative support is mandatory in order that:

1. The legislation covers ALL dogs (i.e. without exemptions).
2. Penalties for anyone guilty of animal welfare offences, including having unregistered breeding animals,
 - to include having their permit revoked (including the associated property),
 - a \$150,000.00 financial penalty to act as deterrant calculated on the numbers existant in this proposal i.e. 10 breeding dogs X 3 litters per year X 5 pups average per litter X current nominal price charged (on average no less than \$1000.00),
 - all animals seized.
3. Additional resources are made available to the RSPCA Qld for more comprehensive education and investigation purposes and Queensland Police to investigate and enforce these animal welfare laws.
4. The sale of pets in pet shops is prohibited (unless sourced from reputable shelters/rescue groups).

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