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To: [Agriculture and Environment Committee](#)
Subject: Submissions for Queensland's Puppy Protection Bill
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Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to make a submission regarding the proposed amendments to the "Animal Management (Protecting Puppies) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 " (the Bill).

Although there are positive changes proposed, it falls short of what is really needed to protect the dogs and end puppy farming.

- The proposed amendments do not include mandatory regular health checks for all dogs and puppies. Mandatory health checks should be included in the Bill.
- The proposed amendments do not include litter numbers being capped per female dog. The litter numbers per breeding dog should be capped at three.
- The proposed amendments do not include a capping of the total number of breeding dogs per property. The total number of breeding dogs on any property should be capped at ten.
- The proposed amendments do not include mandatory desexing for puppies sold and retired breeding dogs . Desexing of puppies prior to sale and desexing of the retired breeding dogs should be mandatory.
- The proposed amendments do not include a rehoming program . A mandatory rehoming program must be established for all breeding dogs.
- The proposed amendments do not include concise guidelines for adequate housing/space, exercise, enrichment allowing for normal behaviours, as well as regular human contact; mandatory record keeping . These should be included in the Bill.
- The current legislation and the proposed amendments do not cover all dogs (e.g. working dogs). The legislation should cover all dogs .
- The proposed amendments do not provide adequate consequences for breaching of the legislation. Anyone guilty of animal welfare offences, including having unregistered breeding animals, should have their permit revoked (including the associated property), be issued a strong financial penalty, and all 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 , and the animals are health checked and desexed prior to sale)

Kind Regards
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