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To:	Agriculture and Environment Committee
Subject:	Qld. Puppy Farm Submission.
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## Dear Sir / Madam,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed legislation titled "Animal Management (Protecting Puppies ) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016. Whilst I welcome the proposal of a mandatory breeder ID tracking system, I as a member of the public and an animal lover, do not believe these amendments alone will be sufficient to end puppy farm cruelty.

I would like to submit the following additions to the amendments to be included.

1- Mandatory standards and guidelines mentioned must include : regular health checks for breeding dogs, and all puppies before sale, capping litter numbers per breeding female to a maximum of 3 to limit time spent in a breeding facility, mandatory de - sexing for puppies sold and retired breeding dogs, as well as regular human contact, mandatory record keeping, and capping total number of breeding dogs on any property to a maximum of 10. (TEN ).

2- The legislation should cover ALL DOGS ( no exemptions for working dogs for example ).
3- Anyone guilty of animal welfare offences, including having unregistered breeding animals, should have their permit revoked ( including a ban on operations at the associated property ), incur a strong financial penalty to act as a strong deterrent, and have ALL animals seized.

4- Additional resources need to be made available to the RSPCA Qld. or / and Queensland Police to investigate and enforce these animal welfare laws, along with further funds directed to Welfare groups to house seized animals.

5- the sale of pets in pet shops should be banned ( unless sourced from reputable shelters / rescue groups.

Another question I would like to ask is this : Are there any legal requirements for people claiming they are animal rescuers ?

as an election promise Labor stated they will end cruel puppy farming. Without the above changes, Queensland's dogs will still be at risk and this promise will not be fulfilled. I would also like to bring to your attention that puppy farming is very much alive in Suburbia.

Thank you again for the opportunity to raise my concerns. I look forward to the next amendment to include the above to conclusively end puppy farming in Queensland.

Yours sincerely, Pamela Denham,

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