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Subject: Ban Puppy Farming in QLD (Animal Management (Protecting Puppies) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016)
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To whom it may concern

Thank you for planning (and drafting) the initial Bill (above) with regard to the banning of Puppy Farms in QLD.

However, there is much more work to do to tighten up the loopholes in this legislation to stop more innocent Queensland dog-lovers are duped out of their hard earned money. My daughter and her partner bought a French Bulldog (supposedly a pedigree) from a Puppy Farm in Beaudesert. They paid AU\$3500 for her, and when they picked her up she was with her 'foster mother' (not a French Bulldog). Within a week of having the little puppy, she was rushed to the vets where they discovered she had a massive case of Hookworm AND PARVO VIRUS. It cost them another AU\$4500 and a week in the vets for the puppy.

The vet stated that the dog had been already infected before they had collected her, but they refused to put anything in writing (as they were obviously making a fortune from this particular 'breeder's' clientbase!!!

This Has to stop... for the benefit of all concerned, breeders like this one need to be shut down as soon as possible.

I hope this government has the courage to do so.

Things in the Bill which need tighten up are:

- 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), strong financial penalty to act as 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)

I sincerely hope that this government will carry the flag for the other states in Australia on this issue.

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