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To: [Agriculture and Environment Committee](#)
Subject: Animal Management (Protecting Puppies) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016)
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Dear Sir

Thank you for the proposed changes on the above subject, however the legislation falls well short of what I believe is really needed to protect these animals and put a stop to puppy farming.

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).

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)

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I sincerely hope you will consider all of the above to ensure the welfare of these animals.

Kind regards

Vikki Jones