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To the Commission looking into Queensland Puppy Farms,

Over and over again I have been horrified by the images of breeding dogs in abject conditions. These dogs are being exploited and abused by money-hungry individuals who have no scruples and no compassion for their animals.

In order for any legislative changes to be effective and achieve the desired outcomes (protect dogs), the standards and guidelines must at least include the following:

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 without exemptions for working dogs, for example.

There must be **harsh** penalties so that they do act as a deterrent . Anyone guilty of animal welfare offences, including having unregistered breeding animals, should have their permit revoked (including the associated property), strong financial penalty, and animals seized.

Additional resources need to be made available to the RSPCA Qld and Queensland Police to investigate and enforce these animal welfare laws.

It is absolutely vital that the sale of pets in pet shops should be banned (unless sourced from reputable shelters/rescue groups).

I look forward to a set of guidelines and standards that will protect dogs.

Kind regards

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