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Subject: Proposed Legislation "Animal Management (Protecting Puppies) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016
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Dear Sir/ Madam,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed above legislation.

Whilst the proposal of a mandatory breeder ID tracking system is very welcome, as an Australian, Queensland resident and an animal lover I believe these amendments alone will not be sufficient to end puppy farm cruelty.

I submit that the following additions to the amendments be included:

- 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 desexing for puppies sold and the retired breeding dogs, as well as a 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 greyhounds or working dogs, for example).
- Anyone guilty of animal welfare offences, including having unregistered breeding animals, should have their permit revoked (including a ban on a breeding operation at the associated property), incur a strong financial penalty to act as a deterrent, and have all their animals seized.
- Additional resources must be made available to RSPCA Qld and/or Queensland Police to investigate and enforce these animal welfare laws, along with further funds directed to welfare groups to house and rehome seized animals.
- The sale of pets in pet shops should be banned (unless sourced from reputable shelters/rescue groups).

Labor stated they will end cruel puppy farming as one of their election promises. Without these above changes, Queensland's dogs are still at risk of serious abuse, and this promise will not be fulfilled.

I appreciate the opportunity to raise my concerns and I look forward to the inclusion of the above in the next amendment to conclusively end these cruel puppy farms in Queensland.

Yours faithfully

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