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**To:** [Agriculture and Environment Committee](#)  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Labor made an election promise to end cruel puppy farming. I am concerned that the Bill will not achieve this unless it includes a number of additional provisions.

Please make sure that it provides for:

- mandatory regular health checks for breeding dogs and all puppies before sale
- a maximum of 3 litters per breeding female
- mandatory desexing of puppies sold and retired breeding dogs
- a rehoming program for retired breeding dogs
- requirements to ensure adequate housing/space, exercise and enrichment allowing for normal behaviours
- mandatory record keeping
- capping total number of breeding dogs on any property to a maximum of 10
- revocation of permits, seizure of animals and strong financial penalties for breeders found guilty of animal welfare offences, including having unregistered breeding animals.

There must be protection for all dogs (no exemptions for working dogs, for example). We also need a total ban on the sale of pets from breeders in pet shops if we are to bring an end to the cruelty of puppy farming.

Thank you for taking my submission into consideration.

Yours sincerely,  
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