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To whom it may concern,

Please accept my submission with regard to the Puppy Protection Bill. While it is heartening to have proposed legislation announced regarding the despicable puppy farm industry, the proposed legislation sadly fails to consider the many complexities of the puppy farming industry. For example, for the legislation to be effective in this context it must include mandatory regular health checks for breeding dogs and all puppies before sale and must also cap litter numbers per breeding female to a maximum of 3.

In addition, mandatory desexing for puppies sold and retired breeding dogs, as well as rehoming programs; 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 must all be incorporated.

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- The legislation also needs to ensure that all dogs are equally covered (no exemptions for working dogs, for example). With regard to legislative breaches, the Bill must guarantee that anyone guilty of animal welfare offences, including having unregistered breeding animals, should have their permit revoked (including the associated property), in addition to a strong financial penalty being applied and automatic seizure of all animals on the property.
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- Additional resources need to be made available to the RSPCA Queensland and/or 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)

The incorporation of the above critical elements will see a Bill that is robust enough to meet the multitude of challenges this industry presents.

I look forward to your response on this matter.

Kind regards,
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