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The Queensland Government recently announced a Bill to protect dogs and puppies in this state. You've proposed a mandatory ID number for dogs, as well as a new set of standards and guidelines.

While some of these proposed changes are very welcome, the legislation falls well short of what is really needed. It will fail to properly protect dogs and puppies, and it will fail to put a stop to puppy farming in Queensland.

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 for working dogs, for example).

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)

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