From: To:

Agriculture and Environment Committee

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HELP END PUPPY FARM CRUELTY!

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I commend the current Queensland Govt for its efforts in relation to the above issue. It has come to my notice that the current proposed legislation falls short. I personally feel that the following should be included:

Capping of litter numbers to 3 litters per breeding female in their lifetime, and introducing mandatory desexing, vet checks and rehoming plans on retirement. Fraser Coast has been the first council in Qld to implement changes regarding desexing, and we urge all councils to follow suit.

Mandatory record keeping of all information pertaining to every dog must be kept.

Establishing breeding rules that would including the ban of inbreeding (ie. no breeding siblings, with parents, etc.) is imperitive to both physical and mental health of dogs.

ALL dogs need to be covered by these regulations, and no parties should be exempt of them (e.g. working or racing dogs).

Banning the sale of all animals in pet stores, unless supplied from a registered charity or rescue - This would effectively change pet stores into adoption centres, thus helping to minimise the exhaustive numbers through shelters and pounds, and aid in minimising euthanasia rates across the state. This change has occurred overseas, (Las Vegas very recently changed these laws) and also in Victoria. With optimal laws in place, an issue of increased number of animals seized could put an exhaustive load on pounds and shelters as mentioned above. Making pet shops new "adoption centres" would help to house rescued animals. This would also limit the necessity to rely on pet shops "here-say" information on standards at a breeders business, and allowing only reputable rescues and shelters would offer more safety to consumers and animals alike. More social, healthy puppies with happier owners means less end up in pounds and shelters!

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