

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 11 March 2016 5:03 AM  
**To:** Agriculture and Environment Committee  
**Subject:** "Animal Management (Protecting Puppies) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016"

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed legislation titled "Animal Management (Protecting Puppies) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016". While I welcome the proposal of a mandatory breeder ID tracking system, I as a member of the public and an animal lover believe these amendments alone will not be sufficient to end puppy farm cruelty.

I am concerned and astounded these places still exist in our country. In the absence of a ban on puppy factories, I submit the following additions to the amendments to be included:

\*The onus of veterinary costs relating to ill health of animals due to ill breeding/inherited illness, disease or genetic disorders should fall on the operators of said factories and sellers of these animals and not the purchaser.

\*Deliberately/ knowingly or continuing to breed animals with a predisposition to genetic disorders; eg -hip displasia, luxating patellas, heart disease/murmurs, seizures etc should be banned, permit revoked, animals seized and heavy penalties set.

\* 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 de-sexing for puppies sold and retired breeding dogs, as well as re-homing program; adequate housing, space, exercise, enrichment allowing for normal behaviors, 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 offenses, including having unregistered breeding animals, should have their permit revoked (including a ban on operation at the associated property), incur a strong financial penalty to act as

deterrent, and have all their animals seized.

\* Anyone guilty of animal welfare offenses, should have their permit revoked, have animals seized and should be banned from transferring ownership of said property/business/animals to any person, business or property or others to continue operating on the said property. Strong financial penalties put in place as a deterrent. Goal sentences for reoffending.

\* Additional resources need to be made available to the RSPCA Qld or/and Queensland Police to investigate and enforce these animal welfare laws, along with further funds directed to welfare groups to house 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, and this promise will not be fulfilled.

Thank you again for the opportunity to raise my concerns. I look forward to the next amendment to include the above to conclusively end puppy farming In Qld.

Yours sincerely,

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