From:

Agriculture and Environment Committee

Subject: Old Puppy Farm Submission

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Agriculture and Environment Committee Sent by email to: aec@parliament.qld.gov.au

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 submit the following additions to the amendments to be included:

- * This sounds crazy but i believe that people should not be allowed to breed dogs unless all pups are sold prior to mating the bitch and dog. This way there would not be an abundance of dogs awaiting homes
- * The legislation should cover all dogs (no exemptions for working dogs, for example).
- * People should not be allowed to breed dogs unless that have had an assessment on how they treat their dogs, the dogs living quarters, what feed they give their dog. If these sorts of things are set to high standards, people would hopefully think twice about breeding.
- * 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.
- * Dogs registered with the council or that see a vet, need to be neutered / spayed if they are not a registered breeder.

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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