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To: [Agriculture and Environment Committee](#)
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To Whom It May Concern,

As the CEO & Founder of SA.F.F.O.K. INC Securing Australia's Future For Our Kids www.saffok.org the Animal Liberation QLD has written to me with concerns of Puppy Farms. The pictures I have seen are a disgrace & proper protections should be put in place. We need to be the voice against such cruelty & a voice for these defenceless animals. Recommendations are as follows

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)

I look forward to your response.

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