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To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my concerns in regards to the proposed 'Stop Puppy Farming' legislation.

About me;

- I am a Dogs West Member and have been for 8 years
- I am a Registered Breeder with Dogs West, have had 5 litters and bred 3 champions
- I DNA profile and health test my dogs
- I exhibit my dogs in conformation shows across Australia
- I live in a residential home
- I own 2 dogs who are both registered with my local council

I am a responsible breeder who will be majorly affected should the new legislation be implemented. I would like to explain to you how this will affect me and the future of good, ethical and responsible breeders.

- I am bound to strict rules set out by Dogs West which I follow.
- Being a part of Dogs West, I have experienced breeders passing down their knowledge with over 40 years' experience
- I breed approximately 1 litter every one or two years
- I will only keep quality and breed from quality to maintain healthy bloodlines in line with the breed standard. The rest of my pups are to be desexed at the appropriate age and are sold on a limited register. A contract is signed by puppy owners to ensure this and I keep in contact with the owners.
- The pick of my litter does not reside with me as I already have 2 dogs of my own. I have 1 bitch placed in a loving home. She is a quality bitch who is now an Australian champion and in order to ensure I breed quality, her owner will allow me (the knowledgeable and ethical breeder) to have a litter from her when the time is right. This does the right thing by the local council as she is registered with her owner with their council.

If this new legislation is put in place, I, as a small, ethical and knowledgeable breeder will no longer be able to breed or participate in showing events locally or across Australia as I will not own any dogs of my own. I am only able to keep 2 dogs in a residential home and my current 2 are of old age and are no longer shown. Your new legislation proposes that my pick of the litter must be registered with the owner's local council, in their name as '**registered breeders**'. This is **NOT A GOOD THING**. I do not believe this is the way to do this. It will open up the door to those who say they are going to do the right thing, and don't by breeding from these dogs as they are now able to being 'registered breeders'. I protect the dogs I breed by ensuring they are either desexed at the appropriate age or to come back to me if I believe they be of quality to produce good quality dogs (in 7 years I only have 1 that I have placed in home). I will not be able to place

pick of the litter in loving homes as I do not want to place a quality dog in a home where it can be bred from by someone who is not knowledgeable. This is simply irresponsible. The particular bitch I have in a home, I have invested \$6500 in semen from a quality dog to ensure I breed quality. This shows I take my breeding seriously.

I believe the following should be considered to stop puppy farmers;

- Pet shops should be banned from selling puppies.
- Those who wish to breed should HAVE TO BE registered with the Australian National Kennel Council with their national breed club, ours being Dogs West. This should be the ONLY organisation breeders can be registered with. Their rules and regulations are already in place and are followed by their members. If not, we are penalised. Councils can track breeding through this organisation and using an already established database.
- Using the information from Dogs West, the government and watch over breeding statistics.
- Breeders with the ANKC should only ever be allowed to breed up to 2 litters per year.
- Bitches should only ever be bred from up to a maximum of 3 times.
- Marketing!!! It should be heavily advertised that anyone who buys a dog should contact Dogs West to ensure they are buying from a registered breeder. IF the buyer is not provided with a breeders registration number then they are to be reported.
- Places like Gumtree, the local paper etc, should not sell puppies unless they are provided with breeders registration details which should be available through the ANKC website.
- Or following on from my last point, puppies can only be advertised through a central advertising website for registered breeders such as Dogz Online.
- No dog should be desexed until the appropriate age. This can have major health issues in doing so. Many purebred dogs have recommended ages and this should be taken seriously.
- There should be mandatory desexing only on crossbreeds at the appropriate age.

I know there have been a number of submission but I am expressing this in hope that you reconsider the suggested legislation you put forward. I agree that puppy farming must be stopped but some of the suggestions you put forward will not work and stop people like myself who do the right thing.

I would be more than happy to discuss my comments further should this be of any help.

Kind regards,

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