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Department of Local
Government, Sport &
Cultural Industries

26 July 2018

**Stop Puppy Farming
Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries
PO Box 8349
Perth Business Centre
Western Australia 6849**

Dear Sir/Madam

re Proposed Legislation

We are the owners of a licensed kennel property in the City of Canning Kennel Zone.

We have, therefore, been paying a bulk registration fee for all of our dogs whether entire or not . We currently pay \$200 per year. We provide data to the City of Canning in relation to these dogs, name, age, breed, microchip number etc. We are issued with ID tags and a bulk licence.

It is recognised that dogs in the kennel zones are not creating work for rangers, they rarely if ever stray off their properties, they do not cause nuisance barking and certainly do not generate complaints from neighbours.

Most of us have breeding or show stock and many of us also have older dogs which love where they live and would be difficult to rehome. They no longer produce litters but we love them and they are valuable members of our family.

As an act of good faith and in light of the fact that we are good dog owners, do not cause work for the ranger services and because we have budgeted for the bulk licence fee, we ask that you please maintain this charge for licensed kennel properties.

To be specific, we want the current kennel licence fee of \$200 to be maintained in its present state.

We request that you give consideration to this issue in the proposed legislation.

Yours faithfully

Dogs West membership #

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Public Submission Form

Please use this form to provide your feedback on the State Government's proposed methods to stop puppy farming in WA. These questions are taken from the consultation paper released by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries on Thursday, 3 May 2018. The paper can be accessed at [the Department's website](#).

The information you provide will be used by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) to inform policy decisions regarding stopping puppy farming in WA. If you need help completing this form, please telephone DLGSC on (08) 6551 8700 or toll free for country callers on 1800 620 511, or email puppyfarming@dlgsc.wa.gov.au.

For a Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) telephone: 13 14 50. To ensure your input is considered, please return your feedback before the consultation period closes at 4pm on **Friday 3 August 2018**.

Your contact details

Title:	Mr Mrs Ms Other
First name:	
Surname:	
Street or postal address:	
Telephone (business):	

Mobile telephone:	
Email address:	

Stop Puppy Farming Questions

- Please indicate if you are any of the following:

- Dog Owner ✓
- Dog Breeder ✓
- Pet Shop Owner
- Pet Business – please specify below
- Local Govt. employee
- Local Govt. elected member
- Shelter organisation employee
- Shelter organisation volunteer
- Rescue group employee
- Rescue group volunteer
- Foster Carer
- Veterinarian
- Other – please specify below

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Transitioning Pet Shops to Adoption Centres

- Would you purchase a behaviour and health checked rescue dog from a pet shop?

No

- What background information would you want on the rescue dog?

• My personal research on breed
• Meet the people who bred & handled dog

- Do you think transitioning pet shops to adoption centres is beneficial?

No

- If you are a pet shop owner or operator, what impact will this have on your business?

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- Exemptions from mandatory de-sexing will apply for health and welfare reasons as assessed by a veterinarian, and if the dog owner is a registered breeder. Are there any other reasons why a dog should be exempt from being de-sexed?

Not before 18-24 months as animal needs hormones for muscle strength & bone density (strength)

- Should mandatory dog de-sexing apply to all dogs, including existing dogs, or just dogs born after a particular date?

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Centralised Registration System

- How will a centralised registration system benefit you?

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- Do you think it is reasonable to increase dog registration fees for dogs that are not de-sexed to encourage de-sexing?

Yes	Unsure
<input checked="" type="radio"/> No	

- Do you support increasing dog registration fees to fund a streamlined centralised registration system and to fund enforcement activities?

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- Do you think it is reasonable for dog breeders to pay an annual registration fee to cover the cost of monitoring and enforcing dog breeder compliance?

<p><i>Dogs that Members pay ⁵ quite sufficient as it is</i></p>
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- Should there be any restrictions on who can register as a dog breeder? If so, what should these be?

<p>Some type of questionnaire to indicate a knowledge of the breed to be worked with</p>	
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- Do you think local government is best placed to enforce dog breeder registration? Why, or why not?

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Mandatory Standards for Dog Breeding, Housing, Husbandry, Transport and Sale

- Should people who breed dogs have to comply with minimum standards for the health and welfare of their dogs?

Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unsure
No	

- Should there be any restrictions on who can register as a dog breeder? If so, what should these be?

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- Should the number of litters that a bitch can produce be restricted by law?

Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unsure
No	

- Should people who breed dogs for commercial gain be required to meet additional Mandatory Dog Breeding Standards?

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- keeping a defined number of breeding dogs?
- if so, what number?
- any other criteria?

Please provide reasons:

Sufficient females so that plenty of time between litters can be given

detailed records of each litter must be kept.

* Attach further documentation if required.

Confidentiality

Your submission will be made public and published in full on the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries website unless you ask for it to be confidential. Submissions that contain defamatory or offensive material will not be published.

Do you wish this information to remain private and confidential: Yes

No

