



# STOP PUPPY FARMING

## 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](mailto: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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Enter title here.
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## Stop Puppy Farming Questions

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1. 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

**Dogswest Member/ ANKC Number:** 

## Transitioning Pet Shops to Adoption Centres

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

No. I would not get the genetic history or even the dog's life history from a pet shop. A pet shop will also not offer life-long support like a ANKC registered breeder would do. Also what qualifications would this behaviourist hold?

3. What background information would you want on the rescue dog?

Reason for rescue? Genetic testing, DNA, cardiac, hip and elbow, ataxia free etc, etc.

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

No. Dogs should not be housed in a pet shop.

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

N/A

## Mandatory dog de-sexing for non-breeding dogs

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6. How do you feel about mandatory dog de-sexing for non-breeding dogs?

I am totally against it.

7. 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?

I am not a registered breeder but I am registered with Dogs West as an owner and exhibitor of an entire dog. I would not be able to show and participate in the conformation show ring. Also scientific evidence is now making links to cancer in dogs which are de-sexed.

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

Neither. I took the time and effort in selecting a dog which parents had been confirmed in the show ring and genetically. Their temperament and structure has been assessed by ANKC and international judges confirming their soundness. I should not be punished for irresponsible actions of others. I should be encouraged to pass on his sound genetics and temperament, which in turn improves the health and well-being of the breed in general.

## Centralised Registration System

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9. How will a centralised registration system benefit you?

It won't t. I already pay fees to Dog West. My dogs recognised throughout Australia and under the ANKC

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

Yes

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No

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

No. I already pay fees to the council and fees to Dogs West. It would cause be financial stress

12. 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?

I already pay and annual fee to Dogs West so I would not be in favour of this. However If additional fees where to be charged it would need to be done on a sliding scale, in correlation to perhaps how many litters the breeder produces per year.

13. Are there any other benefits, costs and/or issues associated with breeder registration that are not captured in this table? Please detail.

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

I believe that dogs should be recognised and registered under the ANKC and their State governing body.

15. Do you think local government is best placed to enforce dog breeder registration? Why, or why not?

No. Dogs West is our governing authority and breeders are already under strict registrations. Local government interference in this area would not improve the situation.

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

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

Yes

Unsure

No

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

Yes all breeders should be Dogs West Members, so data and records can be kept.

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

Yes

Unsure

No

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

People should not breed dogs for commercial gain.

20. If you said 'yes' to question 19, should this be based on:

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

Please provide reasons:

[Click here to enter text.]

\* 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

Signature:



Date:

3/8/18

## Please return this form to:

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**Please return submissions by 4pm on Friday 3 August 2018**

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