

To whom it may concern

Please find attached our Dogswest Short Form submission to be considered in the development of the proposed puppy farming legislation.

Whilst I strongly agree that the issue of puppy farming is a disgusting practice needs to be addressed as soon as a possible. I do not agree with the proposed legislation in its current form. I believe the Legislation in its current form will penalise the small hobby dog enthusiasts which are already respecting and adhering to registration and licencing requirements set by Dogswest and Local Governments. The Legislation will promote large scale breeders already located within kennel zones and will have little effect on the backyard breeders who generally have no intention registering or licencing their dogs.

I feel that the legislation should target backyard breeders that do not register with Local Government and generally do not have pedigree dogs and therefore do not come under Dogswest regulations. These breeders have little regard for the health and care of their dogs and puppies some of which may never see the inside of a vet clinic. Sadly these are the puppies seen for sale on gumtree and Facebook and raised in appalling conditions.

