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I strongly object to this proposed legislation.

I have 2 dogs, both desexed. That was my choice. It should remain an individuals choice.

All levels of Government in Australia constantly interfere in aspects of life which should be left to the individual. There are always unintended consequences, and a vast cost the taxpayer ends up funding.

The problem here is a small number of individuals who set out to farm animals in cruel conditions. How about for once you throw the book at these individuals, instead of punishing the rest of society with more laws and red tape ? You have proceeds of crime legislation, seize and sell their assets gained through puppy farming. It won't take long for them to stop their actions. Fund the RSPCA to find and prosecute them.

Another part of this proposed legislation is supposedly to reduce the number of dogs that end up in shelters. One of the main reasons for this is people who live in Rented accomodation, where it is almost impossible to rent a house where you can have a pet. I personally know people who were forced to surrender loved pets because they could not find a rental where pets were allowed.

I have just had to rent for over a year while I was building a new house and it was one of the worst experiences of my life. Less than 10% of Rentals will allow pets, and most of them are because the property is already in such poor condition an animal could not make it worst. As housing becomes more unaffordable and more people rent, this has become a bigger issue, and it will get worst as the proportion of renters rises.

You want to reduce the number of animals in shelters ? Easy. New law, Landlord can only claim tax concessions if pets are permitted. No pets = no Tax concessions. That would resolve the problem overnight. Owners would not be forced to surrender their pets because they have to move into a new rented home.

Dogs are already ridiculously expensive, this legislation will severely limit the supply of dogs to a small number of breeders who can jump through all your hoops, and prices will be out of reach for ordinary people.

Let people make their own choice about their pets desexing. Throw the book at cruel puppy farmers. Encourage Landlords to accept pets via tax incentives. Resolve the root cause, don't treat the symptoms.

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