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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above.

I am a newly registered dog breeder and have recently imported two puppies with the intent to breed for my own needs since the stock of this particular breed in Australia, and especially WA, is very limited.

I support the idea of stopping puppy farming, BUT having read the consultation document, the presentations and supporting material I do not support the proposed approach at all. What is proposed is a massive and significant overreach of power and associated bureaucracy – way beyond what would be necessary to actually target puppy farms. The approach has made for a very complex system which hits a very large proportion of the population who simply want to keep a family dog – they are not puppy farmers but are being unfairly penalised.

Puppy farming (constant breeding of a bitch throughout her life) is cruel and must be stopped. Stopping puppy farming should be the direct target of the legislation. A focus on the internet (sites like Gumtree) would easily find the puppy farmer culprits (in the same way as organisations have been set up to seek out unregistered AirBnB activity for example). The documentation states that there are only 15 pet shops in WA – it would be straight forward and simple to draft legislation that ensures these shops do not buy from puppy farmers and that careful record keeping ensures the pets for sale are well kept etc.

I do not support mandatory sterilisation of all dogs. This is cruel and a threat to health. It would also result in only pedigree dogs becoming available in future (those permitted to breed) since breeders registration requires a dog to be pedigree. This has some nasty parallels with human attempts to create a pure race. Non-pedigree dogs make nice family pets too. I do support education for dog owners about good breeding practices (on par with those of breeders registered with the Kennel Club). This could be achieved through the registration process of dogs with local government that already takes place.

Regards

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