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TO ALL PEOPLE TAGGED IN PLEASE PASS THIS ON TO AS MANY PEOPLE AS YOU CAN. ASK THEM TO PASS IT ON TO ALL THEIR FRIENDS. WE ONLY HAVE JUST OVER TWO WEEKS TO BE HEARD.

CONSIDER CAREFULLY WHO YOU VOTE FOR AT THE NEXT ELECTION

Good Morning [REDACTED],

As a long time member of the peak breeders body Dogs West and the ANKC, I attended your meeting in Bunbury and was totally dismayed by many aspects of what I listened to, regarding this proposed legislation. The representatives from the veterinary profession who were present, are obviously not in favour of these proposed changes. The clear fact that this will severely impinge on civil liberties and the rights of the general population to own a dog, without severe restrictions is totally ringing alarm bells. The fact that there is also discussion of including more restrictive rules for cat's in the new Act is yet another issue. I can only assume this is why so few people in the general public are even aware of this proposed

legislation and exactly how it will impact them. There has been no public advertising campaign on TV, in the papers, or on the radio. No open and transparent on air debates on this topic. That means the government is hoping to implement this by stealth and once they achieve the Fait Accompli, they will “tweak” the Act to be exactly as restrictive as they would like it to be, probably including other categories of pets at a later date.

When you listen to a Ranger in a public forum (11.7.18) saying a centralised database would be a really useful tool for him, as he would know exactly where any unsterilized dogs were situated in the general population and would then under the new Act have the power to enter that property at any time and seize the dog, we are talking about the very real probability of some seriously bad things occurring in future. What then happens to that dog, if it belongs to a pensioner who cannot afford to sterilize that dog ? Would the dog be impounded or euthanased ?

You only have to look at the appalling figures from PETA to be horrified that this is the direction in which we are heading in Australia. There are many statistic freely available on the internet. Below are three.

<https://animalmedcenter.com/petas-euthanasia-rates-critics-fuming/>

<https://www.petakillsanimals.com/proof-peta-kills/>

<https://maddogmaddix.wordpress.com/2015/09/08/the-problem-with-peta/>

If the public get wind of these changes it is not going to be pretty, which one can only assume is why only people associated with existing organizations such as Dogs West, Pet Industry Association, Greyhound Racing, Vets, Working Dog Clubs etc are even aware that these changes are to be covertly put in place.

You only have to look at your own answer to my question at the meeting

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Q: Do you see Puppy Farming a significant problem in WA ? Since records have been kept in Western Australia exactly how many Puppy Farms have been found, closed down or prosecuted ?

A: The answer you gave was TWO in 2010.

On that basis alone this proposed new Act is NOT about controlling Puppy Farming. If it is, then it is a blatant waste of tax payers dollars as it is not required.

More to the point, this appears to be totally about a covert way of revenue raising on a long term basis, another tax being imposed on us to own a pet if you will. Consider that once the **Labour Government** implements this in WA and/or around Australia, the cost of Dog and Cat registration will be pushed sky high, will probably increase each year like rates, purely by the required administration costs involved with policing this Act. Let’s say it costs you the pet owner once he Act is passed, \$50 a year in new local government fees just to own a pet. Now multiply that by 4.8 million dogs registered in Australia. A nice little earner I would say. Now is this about controlling Puppy Farming in WA with only two reported cases ever ? A grade seven child could easily identify the answer as NO !

The statistics as supplied by Government and viewed on screen the night of 11.7.18 showed that you had 2000 responses so far to the proposed new Act. With a population of 1.7 million people in Perth and a total of 2.589 million in Western Australia, that is a pathetic response and it will

mainly be derived from vested interest groups who stand to lose the most (Dogs West, Pet Industry Association, Greyhound Racing, Vets, Working Dog Clubs). That is proof positive that the general public is unaware not apathetic, therefore as such they are unable to have an input. That is exactly what the Government wants. The survey is carefully crafted to obtain the results the government desires. Right from the start emotive language of PUPPY FARM. To vote on the survey you must answer strongly agree, to strongly disagree, as a sliding scale, but the questions give no information to base your answers on and no way of giving your reasons unless you put in a written submission. The government is well aware that most people are lazy and do not bother to put in submissions. That is part of the result they are aiming for.

The RSPCA statistic online (Article 58 6.5.18) state that one in three homes have a dog. Of the people who do not own a pet 13% planned to get a pet in future.

The only person there from City of Bunbury, a woman, asked one question all night. Will COB get to keep the money or will it go to the state government? So financial gain is high on the agenda for COB, not dog welfare, which is purely part of the government game of smoke and mirrors we are so accustomed to these days.

The Rangers present were only concerned with how the Act could substantially increase their powers.

As stated by one male Ranger on the night. 80% of dogs registered were already sterilized. Of the 20 % of unsterilized dogs, 14% belonged to Dogs West members. That left 6% who they identified as non complaint dog owners. That 6% will remain non complaint no matter what you bring in as law. The bigger question is why do 84% of responsible dog owners have to pay the price for the 6% who will never comply anyway ?

If you look at the current ANKC figures on this...

In 2013 a survey by Galaxy Research for the Animal Health Alliance Publication "Pet Ownership in Australia Summary" estimated that the dog population was 4.2 million.

What is the Dog Population of Australia ? In 2010 research by BIS Shrapnel for the Australian Companion Animal Council Publication "The Contribution of the Pet Care Industry to the Australian Economy" estimated that the dog population was 3.6 million.

In 2016 a Report by Newgate Research on behalf of Animal Medicines Australia , "Pet Ownership Australia in 2016" * estimated that the dog population was 4.8 million.

*This report outlines key findings from a quantitative study of Australian households and the state of pet ownership in 2016. It also draws on information from other sources locally and internationally to provide a comprehensive view of changes in pet ownership in Australia since 2013.

Let's do the Maths !

Estimated Australian Dog Population 4.8 million

A conservative estimate is that due to mortality 10% need to be replaced annually which indicates a demand for 480,000 puppies per year

In 2016 ANKC Ltd Breeders registered 71,361 puppies, so to achieve the estimated number required, approximately 408,639 were bred by people outside the ANKC who have no accountability for health or welfare.

ANKC Ltd Registered Breeders 71,361 Puppies*

Unregistered Breeders 408,639 Puppies

ANKC Ltd Breeders 15% Other Breeders 85% In 2016 –408,369.00 Puppies were bred with no accountability for health or welfare
2016 ANKC Ltd Membership 33,341.00
Only 20% of ANKC Ltd Members were Active Breeders in 2016
Let's do the Math Again !
In 2016 –6,525 ANKC Ltd Breeders produced 14,091 Litters
3,583 Breeders (55%) Only had 1 Litter
1,406 Breeders (21%) had 2 Litters
659 Breeders (10%) had 3 Litters
338 Breeders (5%) had 4 Litters
539 Breeders (8%) had 5 to 10 Litters Only 86 Breeders (1.3%) had more than 10 Litters
54% of ANKC Ltd Breeders only produced 1 Litter in 2016

The questions may seem simple but all raise their own Pandora's box of questions and possibilities. You cannot just answer agree or disagree.

This seriously needs to be advertised on TV so that every tax paying West Australian or Australian citizen has their say.

Regards
Gail Jones

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 12 July 2018 11:30 AM
Cc: Puppy Farming
Subject: Stop Puppy Farming Consultation - Papers and Presentation

Good morning,

I would like to thank you for your attendance at last night's Stop Puppy Farming consultation session in Bunbury.

It was great to see so many of you there and I appreciate all the feedback you shared with us.

Please find attached the following:

- A copy of the consultation paper
- A copy of the supplementary paper
- Last night's PowerPoint Presentation

For more information, and to take the online survey, please visit our website
www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/stoppuppyfarming

If you have any questions, or would like to submit a written submission, please email
puppyfarming@dlgsc.wa.gov.au

Once again, a big thank you for your time and input.

Kind regards,

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