



Dogs West Member Submission on
STOP PUPPY FARMING



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<p><i>My thoughts on:</i> Transition pet shops to adoption centres (can only sell dogs sourced from rescues).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No puppies or dogs should be sold in pet shops — they are not commodities. • ANKC (Dogs West) breeders NEVER sell to pet shops or third parties. • Rescue dogs are stressed as is and shop is no place for them
<p><i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce mandatory dog de-sexing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a dog needs to be sterilised it should be at a time and age suitable for the type of dog and the circumstances, with advice from a Vet and their Responsible Breeder. • Early desexing causes a multitude of health issues such as : shortened lifespan, atypical Cushing’s disease, cardiac tumors, bone cancer, abnormal bone growth and development, CCLruptures, and hip dysplasia.” Is the government going to be liable for all these pet owners vet bills because of this legislation? • This will shrink the already tiny gene pool for ethical ANKC breeders.
<p><i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce a centralised registration system and Council registration to be a Breeder.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Puppy farmers will just not register their dogs or their puppies on the central register and use real breeders numbers to sell their dogs under. Puppy farmers already act outside the law. How will this stop them? They already don’t microchip and no one’s policing this. • How will the government police this? • How much will this cost the taxpayer? • Why should an owner of an un-desexed dog have to register as a breeder that never plans to breed? Is this purely revenue generating? • ANKC breeders already have mandatory-policed standards. Why are they not exempt? • Why aren’t the existing laws being tightened to cover this to catch puppy farmers? Why aren’t their tougher penalties? • ANKC breeders already register every litter. Why should they be forced to pay for the privilege of doing the right thing twice? • The central register should be free as it is in QLD to increase compliance • This will not stop indiscriminate and repeated backyard breeding which far more puppies are produced by than puppy farming in WA. You will infact be endorsing small-scale puppy farming.
<p><i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport and sale.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There should be limits on the number of times a bitch can be breed and Dogs West already stipulate “one Shall NOT breed a bitch; more than twice in any 18 months, more than 5 times, before adequate maturity (min 1 year) or breed over 7 years old.” • Proper food and shelter is imperative but we should not be forced to keep our dogs in concrete kennels as many live in the home with the breeder. Isn’t this the way it should be? If I’m forced to keep my dogs in kennels I will stop breeding my happy health tested dogs. Shouldn’t the government be supporting ethical breeders via this legislation rather than endorsing large-



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