



Dogs West Member Submission on
STOP PUPPY FARMING



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Prefix or Member #	[REDACTED]
Breed(s)	Lowchen, and previously Maltese
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Years involved	46 years
Family involved?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<i>My thoughts on:</i> Transition pet shops to adoption centres (can only sell dogs sourced from rescues).	<p>I do not agree that pet shops should be transitioned to selling rescued dogs, and in fact pet shops should not be permitted to sell any dogs at all. My reasons are because it is impossible for pet shops to be able to properly match the rescue dog to any person who comes in off the street wanting to buy the dog. How will the pet shop be able to provide an assurance that a dog in their care is fit to be a family pet?</p> <p>I feel that existing rescues and shelters, if properly accredited should remain responsible for rehoming dogs in their care.</p> <p>I also feel that breed specific rescue services provided by DogsWest members and affiliated clubs should be supported to continue to provide these services and should be exempt from the Government’s proposal to be accredited.</p>
<i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce mandatory dog de-sexing.	<p>I am strongly opposed, for the following reasons, to the Government’s proposal to require mandatory desexing of dogs not required for breeding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I agree that puppy farming should be stopped but I did not vote to be force to have my dogs desexed nor anyone else’s for that matter. • It takes away my rights. • If too many dogs are sterilised as a result of this law it will be very hard for the public to be able to obtain a healthy, well-bred dog from a responsible breeder because there will not be enough dogs being bred by the right type of breeders. There will still be plenty around from the Puppy Farmers because I have read that mandatory sterilisation does not stop THEM. • This legislation is based on welfare of dogs, yet the mandatory sterilisation of dogs creates its own set of health and welfare issues. I don’t see how passing a law requiring mandatory sterilisation, which can be seriously detrimental to the health of dogs, is justified while trying to fix another health and welfare issue. Replacing one problem for another does not make sense. • My breed of dog the Lowchen is a rare breed in Australia. My dogs need to remain intact as it is a breed with a small gene pool. • My breed of dog is well known for not being receptive to artificial breeding practices. Mandatory de-sexing would severely limit our already small gene pool. • My research into scientifically backed information suggests early de-sexing is detrimental to canine behaviour and also physical wellbeing • I am a Dogs West, ANKC registered breeder. I have several dogs placed



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	<p>out in pet homes as loved companions. These dogs are still available to me to use for breeding (on breeder's terms). Under this legislation these dogs may have to be sterilised. This will be a great loss to my breeding programme and will significantly reduce the available gene pool and affect the genetic diversity of the breed in this state.</p>
<p><i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce a centralised registration system and Council registration to be a Breeder.</p>	<p>I do not agree that as a dogsWest member and Registered Breeder with the ANKC that I should also have to be registered with my local government. I have to meet the highest standards for keeping and breeding my dogs, and I do not believe that breeders registered by their local government will be required to meet anywhere near the high standards that I have to meet.</p> <p>I believe that DogsWest members should be exempt from also being registered with their local government. This proposal is just double dipping and a money making exercise by the Government – and who is going to enforce these requirements?</p>
<p><i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport and sale.</p>	<p>How can I make any useful comment here, as the draft standards have not been released yet for me to consider – even on this last day for submissions.</p> <p>I feel that the so called consultation process is a very poor one when we are being asked to comment without the relevant information.</p>