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Hi Courtney,

We greatly appreciate your approach to us to provide our feedback on the proposals for Puppy Farms and would also suggest this be extended to include Kitten Farms as well.

We believe that the following would need to be considered.

### **Introducing a centralised registration system**

We believe this will benefit the Animal management in WA.

#### **Dog/Cat Breeder Registration –**

Currently Dogs/ Cats WA manages the registration of pure bred animal breeders, however neither permit this information to be accessed by the registries for validation of a breeder. As such there is no current way to validate the breeder details. The new database would need to be searchable so that the microchip registries can validate a breeder number.

Currently we have been dealing with about 80% of owner issues related to animal Sales via Gumtree were the breeder often disappears after sale and animal are being sold without correct registration, no registration or with fake microchip registrations.

We would strongly recommend that any breeder database that is adopted is one that is searchable by the registries and that animals supplied without a verified breeder number and microchip number are not allowed to be advertised for sale.

This can be performed by a simple lookup such as is provided by Pet Address [www.petaddress.com.au](http://www.petaddress.com.au) to validate the Microchip registration.

This would give the purchaser confidence when purchasing their pet that it is registered and is from an authorised verified breeder.

This would require strict policing and compliance.

#### **Mandatory Dog and Cat de-sexing.**

At global Micro We fully support the de-sexing of Dog. However Cats as well as dogs would benefit from adopting additional breeding controls with registration discounts extended to de-sexed animals.

#### **Transitioning pet shops to adoption centres**

This would reduce the number of animal being destroyed in pounds. However a strict adoption process would need to be put in place.

What we have seen currently is that Animal when surrendered they are not being correctly

moved into the adoption centres ownership prior to being rehomed.

This causes issues around the change of ownership process usually resulting in a delay of the change as the correct paperwork is produced.

All surrendered animals must have the correct ownership and Microchip registration changed prior to resale or rehoming is conducted.

We would suggest that a procedure be put in place that has to be followed prior to the prior to resale or rehoming.

Kind Regards,

Mark Fischer

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**From:** Courtney Allen <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Tuesday, 17 July 2018 1:42 PM

**To:** Contact Email <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Stop Puppy Farming Consultation - WA

Hi [REDACTED],

Thank you for taking the time to talk to me this morning Mark.

As discussed, my name is Courtney and I am from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries and we are currently consulting on proposed changes to the *Dog Act 1976* (WA) to 'stop puppy farming' in WA.

The proposed amendments include:

- Introducing a centralised registration system (currently all local governments in WA maintain their own separate registers)
- Requiring dog breeders to register with their local government
- Introducing mandatory dog de-sexing
- Transitioning pet shops to adoption centres

Part of these proposals will include the requirement for breeders to record an identification number alongside the microchip details of any puppy that they breed (essentially what Queensland has done by requiring people to record 'the supply number' alongside the microchip details).

We would appreciate your feedback on the proposals, particularly with how this would impact your company and how you think this should be implemented.

Please find a copy of the 'Stop Puppy Farming Consultation Paper' attached, and a copy of the supplementary paper. The supplementary paper is not publicly available on our website, but we are sharing it via email with key stakeholders (you are welcome to share it with others).

Please note, section 3.10 on page 47 – 48 of the supplementary paper relates to the requirement to record additional information with the microchip database company.

Submissions close on Friday 3 August 2018, but I will continue to liaise with you on the proposals as things progress.

Following consultation, I will prepare a report and the Government will make their decision on whether to progress the legislative changes.

If the new proposals are progressed, it is likely that any changes will not come into effect until the centralised registration system is set up (earliest would be 2020).

More information on the 'stop puppy farming' project can be found on our website at [www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/stopuppyfarming](http://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/stopuppyfarming)

I look forward to liaising with you in future.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss the provisions further.

Kind regards,

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