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Hi my name is Patricia Forehan from [REDACTED]

I would like to submit the following comments for consideration regarding the above proposed legislation.

Puppy Farming is completely unacceptable and a legislative framework obviously needs to be created to stop this abhorrent practice **however**, the proposed mandatory sterilization of dogs, is completely misinformed and akin to punishing all dogs for the sins of the criminals who have been allowed to exploit them.

Many informed and caring dog owners, myself included, have made the decision not to neuter our dogs, opting instead to allow them to retain the health and vigour that their sex hormones provide them. I can assure you that having experienced first hand, the consequences of early neutering, I couldn't in all good conscience inflict this practice on another dog.

The research into the harm that neutering, particularly early neutering (neutering is all that 99.9% of vets in Perth are trained to do rather than the less harmful vasectomy or partial hysterectomy) causes all animals, is overwhelming and irrefutable, harm such as vastly increased rates of many forms of cancer often previously very rare cancers, vastly increased cases of hyperthyroidism, poor skeletal development due to delayed growth plate closure which leads to early onset arthritis, increased fear aggression and incontinence all due to the removal of those vital sex hormones, to inflict this harm on our closest companion animals is inexcusable on any level.

I would propose that it would be far better, that it be legislated that puppies can no longer be sold without being registered and microchipped prior to sale and to control the number of litters that can be registered and sold this can be achieved by breeders registration and a limit being placed on the number of litters a breeder can breed / register in a year. The cost of puppy registration to be set at say \$500.00 each which would deter all those but the most ardent of breeders from having unplanned litters. The punitive measures for any infringement need to be high enough so as to deter any one from breeding except those that are registered and qualified.

I thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely

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