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My thoughts on: Transition pet shops to adoption centres (can only sell dogs sourced from rescues).	We are against cats and dogs being sold in pet shops. We agree they should not sell puppies as this and inadvertently or deliberately helps fund Puppy Farming. Shelter dogs need to be managed by skilled people and need to be housed in a safe environment. Pet Shops are not the place for shelter dogs. Help pet shops update their businesses so that they can survive without having to sell dogs. Pet shops keep the puppy farmers going. And now thanks to so called "designer breeds" the general public thinks it's fine to buy a puppy sight unseen from the eastern states or knowledge of the circumstances in which that puppy has been produced. The ANKC (and all KCs around the world) has been the guardians of dogs breeds for over a hundred years – surely they have the code of ethics that should be adopted by all would be breeders. Cross breeding should be held to the same standard as the single breed breeders. It means DOUBLE the care is needed as breeders need to have an in depth knowledge of both breeds, their bloodlines and their genetic health testing. Adoption centres should be held to rigorous standards and be accountable for the dogs welfare and care as much as ANKC breeders are.
My thoughts on:	Mandatory de-sexing is not going to impact on people who operate
Introduce mandatory	outside the law. They do what they want now and they will continue
dog de-sexing.	to do so. This is just forcing people to put their beloved pets through major surgery when perhaps they do not wish to or are not ready to do. People should be made aware of the consequences of this surgery, such as increased risk of joint and soft tissue damage, increased risk of some cancers, possibly shortened life span. The information in the Government paper is misleading. I am concerned for a lot of elderly dogs who will be subjected to mandatory de-sexing and will be at risk if they are undergo surgery.
My thoughts on: Introduce a	Central Register. Why do we need this when we all register with the local government now?
centralised	Who will have access to this information?
registration system	How will my privacy be protected?
and Council registration to be Breeder.	Can I opt out like I can in My Health? If not why not? If there is this option then it should be set up as an OPT IN only. Ie You shouldn't have your rego details automatically inserted UNLESS you opt in
	Why will it cost me more?
	My dog has a life registration, what is happening in that space? I don't want

	to register my dog yearly.
My thoughts on: Introduce mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport and sale.	I cannot find anything written on this? Yes there should be some standards but until you write it I am not going to comment. Why has there been no consultation on this?