



Hon Paul Lucas MP



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Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to your representations to the former Minister for Local Government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, the Honourable Desley Boyle MP, about petition number 1613-11 concerning the plight of animals in puppy farms.

Although Minister Mulherin is policy lead on this matter, I can advise that, on 23 December 2010, the Bligh Government announced its determination to address animal welfare issues arising from puppy farms.

These issues will be addressed through a number of measures including:

- a breeder identification number
- the requirement for the identification number to be displayed when selling or advertising puppies
- a new animal welfare standard to guide breeders on the current welfare legislation
- raising public awareness of the issue to allow consumers to make informed choices when purchasing puppies.

Further consultation will occur with stakeholders including the RSPCA, Dogs Queensland, the Animal Welfare League and the Australian Veterinary Association before legislative changes are made.

Yours sincerely

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