

via email.

Hi Susan,

Please find below the Victorian Labor Party's response to your State Election Platform request.

### **Breed Specific Legislation**

An Andrews Labor Government will place a moratorium on the euthanasia of affected dogs while it reviews the problematic Breed Specific Legislation.

The moratorium would take place while a Parliamentary inquiry reviews current arrangements, taking evidence from local councils, veterinarians, breed experts and animal welfare organisations; all of which have encountered problems with the current arrangements.

The inquiry will also hear from victims of dangerous dog attacks and dog owners.

The moratorium will not affect the current requirement of councils to detain dogs in accordance with existing Breed Specific Legislation requirements.

### **Puppy Farms**

Labor will amend the code of practice for dog breeding businesses to ensure female dogs cannot have any more than 5 litters and reinstate mandatory breeding vet checks.

Labor will provide the RSPCA with additional resources to tackle puppy farms and toughen up their inspectorate capacity. Labor will also work with the RSPCA and local councils to address this issue.

An Andrews Labor Government will discourage the establishment of new puppy farms by limiting the maximum number of female breeding dogs in domestic facilities to ten, by the year 2020.

Labor will also stand side-by-side with Oscar's Law, the RSPCA and Animals Australia by restricting pet stores only to the sale of dogs and cats that are linked with registered animal shelters.

### **Restricted acts of vet science returned to Veterinary Practice Act 1997**

Labor will engage in a discussion on this issue after the election.

### **Vet practices as Domestic Animal Businesses for the purpose of socialisation classes.**

We would be happy to explore this more thoroughly as part of the puppy farm reform changes if Labor is elected.

kind regards,

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