

July 28, 2008

To: **Chief Executive Officer**
Baw Baw Shire Council
Warragul Victoria 3820

Dear Executive and Council Members,

My name is Kristen Rothwell; I am a veterinary technician and a volunteer for Hawaii Fi-do Service Dogs Training.

As a veterinary technician I have seen many puppies with terrible genetic problems caused by irresponsible breeding, things like hip dysphasia, umbilical hernias, cherry eye, allergies, ect.

This is not the case with the Labradoodles produced by Rutland Manor. These are healthy, bright dogs that have been tested and retested to insure sound, healthy dogs. Rutland Manor has gone above and beyond the standards of most breeders and it is quite the insult to compare them to a puppy mill.

Above all Rutland Manor is providing a crucial service to society, providing service dogs to so many deserving people. These dogs in many cases give disabled people their freedom back. It would be devastating if others were to lose out on that because of something like this. I urge you to find another solution to this problem.

Thank you for your time in reading this, I am sure that you will make the right decision regarding this issue. This is bigger than barking dogs and declining property values, this is about helping deserving people in need.

Sincerely,

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