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The National Old English Sheepdog Council fully supports the ANKC's application.

A single 'source of truth' is essential for breeders of pure-bred dogs to prove that the stock they are using and puppies they produce meet the requirements of purchasers of puppies of a particular breed. It is also essential for breeders seeking purebred dogs with which to breed their purebred bitch.

The ANKC provides that guaranteed register and the surety required by breeders and by the general public. That register is also the basis for the conduct of conformation shows and for the issuing of titles such as 'Australian Champion'. That register is recognised internationally as the single source of certification for the export of purebred dogs and the breeding and showing of dogs in other countries.

The public benefit of the ANKC's application lies in the certainty which this long-established and carefully 'policed' register provides for all certifications and activities involving purebred dogs. There is one internationally-recognised pedigree for every purebred dog of every breed.

Should people wish to establish a 'new' breed, the ANKC has a process by which a breed can be registered. No alternate register is required unless it is specifically targeted toward this end. Any other 'register' is just a list of mixed-breed animals. The creation of alternative 'registers' purporting to do the same thing as the ANKC register will irrevocably unravel the records of pedigrees going back over a hundred years.

As custodian of the interests of all Old English Sheepdogs in Australia, we implore you to protect our breed - and all **pure** breeds - so we can continue to provide to the public a guarantee that the dogs we own, breed and sell are in fact 'pure'.

We would be pleased to provide any further information to support the ANKC's application and can be contacted at the above e-mail address.

With kind regards,



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