



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Puppy factory inquiry launched**

The inquiry into companion animal breeding practices in NSW has officially begun, Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall, Chair of the Joint Select Committee on Companion Animal Breeding Practices in NSW, announced today.

“The Committee is calling for public submissions on puppy factories and the commercial breeding of companion animals,” Mr Marshall said.

“This inquiry will investigate what limits need to be placed on commercial pet breeding to ensure we can reduce the incidence of animal mistreatment and the lack of transparency and regulation in the industry.”

Mr Marshall said the Committee’s inquiry would assess the current situation in NSW and what other states and territories are doing, including an examination of proposals for a breeders’ licensing system.

“We need to make sure that improved regulation of the breeding industry delivers better outcomes for both the public who are its customers, and for breeders and retailers,” Mr Marshall said.

The closing date for submissions to the inquiry is Monday, 15 June 2015.

Further information about the inquiry can be obtained by visiting the Committee’s website at: [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/cabpinquiry](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/cabpinquiry).

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