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## **COMPANION ANIMAL BREEDING PRACTICES IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Dear Committee considering the impact of Puppy Farms,

I would invite the committee to look into the following:

1. The impact of puppy farms on the welfare of the breeding mothers and the puppies - the often squalid conditions that they often are kept prior to sale due to profit margins on the part of the owner.
2. The lack of socialisation and training to the puppies born in this way that leads to undesirable public behaviour of a dog later in life, leading to a higher dump rate, animal abuse rate and animal attack rate.
3. The lack of information to potential pet owners purchasing from these puppy farms - and the setting up of disillusionment of many potential owners and unwanted pets ending up in pounds, choking an already-pressured system. This leads to increased euthanasia and a complete waste of life.
4. The lack of unified and reasonable de-sexing laws for companion animals and regulation of breeding animals - breeders are great when they comply with welfare guidelines for animals, and give their animals appropriate levels of comfort, attention, socialisation and training.
5. Proper support for legitimate breeders to do the right thing by the breeding animals, and proper education of animal welfare, care, training in the general community

Indirectly related to that is the encouragement of rental and residential strata/rules for pet friendly accommodation to reduce the number of animals that are left at pounds because they cannot go with the family into the residence they had to rent to provide a roof over their own heads. We already know that companion animals are good for general human wellbeing and psychological health.

An ideal solution to the puppy farm problem would involve:

1. Easing the pressure on the animal welfare systems, shelters, pounds and voluntary charities that support unwanted animals so that they can focus their energies onto animals that are truly unable to find homes, lost animals, animals of the deceased and those who are unable to continue with their families due to legitimate medical/geographical reasons
2. Targeting the animal welfare standards of care for breeding animals in all disciplines, so that animals registered for breeding are well looked after, pups given proper training, socialisation and care - and that profit margins do not interfere with the welfare of the animals themselves

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Kind Regards,

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