

**Submission
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COMPANION ANIMAL BREEDING PRACTICES IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Dear Joint Standing Committee Members

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission to the Inquiry into Companion Animal Breeding Practices in New South Wales.

Intensive breeding of animals is inhumane. Companion animals continue to be abused in intensive breeding facilities around New South Wales with investigations revealing a lack of veterinary care, unhygienic conditions and overcrowding. Many people in New South Wales continue to purchase dogs from intensive breeders with little information about the conditions which these terrible conditions.

I therefore call on you to introduce the following to protect our animals:

A legislated breeder licensing program in New South Wales that sets strict standards on adequate housing, exercise, socialisation, hygiene and food. It must require not only an initial certification but annual inspections by the Department of Primary Industries inspectors to ensure the standards are being met. There must be significant penalties for anyone breeding animals outside the breeder licensing system.

A limit on the number of animals a registered breeder can have on their property, to ensure better animal welfare outcomes.

A limit on the number of times an animal can be bred in its life, as well as protections for animals that have reached the end of their breeding cycle.

A total ban on the sale of companion animals in pet shops, or at least a requirement that only animals from approved rescue shelters be allowed in pet shops.

A ban on the selective breeding of animals for characteristics that are physically or psychologically harmful to the animal itself or to others, for example breeding that makes a dog more aesthetically pleasing but compromises their health.

Yours Sincerely

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