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COMPANION ANIMAL BREEDING PRACTICES IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Dear Joint Standing Committee on Animal Breeding Practices

I think the current practice of allowing intensive breeding of companion animals in NSW is a disgrace to our society. This practice has been shown to be contrary to animal welfare with overcrowded and unhygienic conditions. What I have seen in the media amounts to animal torture. I see individuals often fined or jailed for cruelty to animals but these so called breeders are allowed to go unscathed in the guise of 'business'.

This apparently unregulated practice also encourages impulse buying of animals, exacerbating the problem of unwanted animals and leading to the killing of many thousands of dogs every year. The RSPCA has to spend vast amounts of money dealing with this, instead of being able to direct its funds towards other animal welfare issues.

There needs to be

- Stricter regulation of breeders
- A regular system of inspections
- Heavy fines or jail sentences for offenders – also bans for offenders to get them out of the industry
- Strict limits on numbers of animals that can be bred
- Limits on how many times a single animal can be used to breed
- Ban on sales of animals in pet shops

Please help eliminate this dreadful blight on our society. Remember that Churchill said a society can be judged by how it treats animals.

Yours Sincerely

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