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COMPANION ANIMAL BREEDING PRACTICES IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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To Whom it May Concern

David Ward

I am disappointed to find out that NSW does not lead the way in reforming Companion Animal Breeding Practices in New South Wales. I see that both Victoria and ACT are ahead of us in fighting the horrors of puppy farms.

I would suggest that we, as a state look at implementing:

- Limits on the number of puppies a breeder can breed.
- Compulsory micro chipping of all puppies and kittens before sale.
- A register for all breeders to be traceable and therefore accountable.

I also believe it would be wise to ban the selling of kittens and puppies at pet stores. Allowing this avenue of sale opens up all sorts of welfare issues. Banning this will remove a big dumping ground from of puppy farmers.

Many people agree that we need to improve the treatment of our companion animals and I think these changes would be the first step in setting NSW up as a pioneer on this front.

Thank you.			
Best regards			