

**Submission
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COMPANION ANIMAL BREEDING PRACTICES IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Frederick Deveney and I am writing to you in relation to the Inquiry into Companion Animal Breeding Practices in New South Wales as the owner of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is a Pet Industry Association of Australia (PIAA) pet store located in [REDACTED]. As a PIAA member store there are very strict rules that we have to follow in order to retain our membership. Animal welfare is the highest priority in our store and we do our utmost to maintain the highest levels of animal welfare at all times.

The code of practices in NSW for pet stores and companion animal breeding are some of the strongest in Australia. Ethical retail operators and breeders already comply with it, but the lack of resources prevents authorities from enforcing compliance for rogue operators. Our stance is we welcome greater transparency and greater compliance for pet retailers and breeders.

To support this we propose the following:

- That we want a self-funded licencing system for all pet shops and breeders (pure and cross) policed by a third party such as RSPCA.
- Licencing for all entire dogs irrespective of quantity and breed
- Licence ID to be used when selling animals
- All breeder details and info available to RSPCA and AWL

We believe banning the sale of puppies in pet shops is bad for animal welfare for a number of reasons; pet shops are a 7 day a week business that are transparent and answerable to the public, any member of the public or animal authority can come in un-announced. Pet shops work under strict regulations and codes of practice, pet shops must keep records of where all their animals come from and where they go to and can provide these records to authorities at any time.

As a pet store we are willing to work in conjunction with PIAA and the government to ensure the best for the industry and for animal welfare.

Regards

Frederick Deveney