

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO PUPPY FARMING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Dear Chair and Committee Members

First I would just like to mention that as you may have noticed from my details that I am not from Australia, however the issue that you have launched an enquirey into is of interest to many people who may not reside within your country and we will all be keen to see if the outcome matches the expectations of Global citizens who cannot stand by and allow this type of business to continue what ever the country that is involved.

There are many reasons that would justify a decision to ban this industry and I am certain the Animal Justice Party, through Emma Hurst will have made a submission that covers every aspect of this industry that can only be seen as detrimental to the animals welfare involved in these abhorrent places so I will not repeat them here.

In every country across the world there are strays living on the streets or in rescue shelters who through no fault of their own were abandoned by there owners. Any one wishing to have a companion animal has to realise that this comes with responsibilities and this is where legislation can hopefully deal with the problems faced in their countries. Legislation can ensure that owners must spay/neutere their animals, they must be microchipped, receive required vaccinations and an annual health check and be licenced. A companion animal is a responsibility, one not to be taken lightly.

The only question I would like to put before the committee is this "Imagine you are one of these animals who are used for breeding for financial gain, to be basically forced to have an unnatural number of pregnancies, to live a life where they do not receive the love and attention of a good owner, and when they fall sick or too old be be of use to the breeder, euthanized, would you want someone to speak out for you, to change the way you were forced to live?"

They are given no choice in their lives, these are made for them by humans and as a committee of humans your choices will directly affect their lives for good or bad. I implore you to choose wisely on behalf of these innocent and sentient animals, basing your choice not on figures or finances but on what your concience says is the only outcome that can ever be seen as acceptable to the victims and to your citizens who you represent.

I, along with many others across the world, will follow your enquirey and sincerely hope that you unanimously come to the only sensible decision possible, to ban puppy farms in your state.

Yours Faithfully

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