

**INQUIRY INTO PUPPY FARMING IN NEW SOUTH
WALES**

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Dear Committee Members,

As a dog owner and lover and one of the 61%* of households who own a pet in Australia, I feel very strongly about animal rights and protections. Any reasonable and fair minded person would have serious concerns at the lack of government oversight and adequate legislation for animal rights and protections in Australia.

You hear constantly in the news and press about people causing unspeakable pain and suffering to animals yet time and time again the organisations tasked with providing protections are hamstrung by poor and inadequate legislation and low or insubstantial penalties for animal abusers. The abusers generally get off scot free! It's a disgrace that this is allowed to happen in a civilised society like Australia. In the last state/federal election my vote will be determined by those parties who have this issue at the top of the agenda and in the upcoming federal election - again it will be top of my list when I make a decision on who will get my vote.

I think politicians in Australia don't realise the level of anger in the community at the lack of protections for animals - dogs, cats, horses, guineau pigs - who cares, every animal should be adequately protected from those that would seek to do them harm.

Please legislate the recommendations and changes by those who really understand these issues (Animal Justice Party Members) and ensure those that seek to gain commercially from puppy farming just like any other industry that is regulated in Australia, are adequately policed and appropriate penalties in place for those that operate outside the recommended laws/guidelines.

I respectfully seek your positive consideration of this submission.

Yours sincerely
Martin Jones

* [https://kb.rspca.org.au/knowledge-base/how-many-pets-are-there-in-australia/#:~:text=There%20are%20over%2029%20million,\(27%25\)%20%5B1%5D](https://kb.rspca.org.au/knowledge-base/how-many-pets-are-there-in-australia/#:~:text=There%20are%20over%2029%20million,(27%25)%20%5B1%5D).