

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

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Dear Committee, Dear Emma Hurst.

My partner and I work in Corporate (as lawyer and in real estate) but are, in our spare time, involved in animal welfare/rights and well aware of the situation and high number of rescue dogs who are being euthanized due to the surplus number of dogs. Further, to become a breeder is not subject to stringent governance and regulations and the ones that are in place do not protect animal welfare nor the psychological impact on vets who are put in the situation to have to euthanize healthy dogs.

Puppy farming must (1) be stopped or (2) strictly regulated in terms of numbers plus educational requirements imposed on breeders for the following reasons:

1. There is a significant surplus of dogs in NSW and each year over 100k animals are being euthanised - breeding dogs further contributes to this situation
2. Vets must euthanise a high number of dogs each week which leads to trauma and other psychological impact. This psychological impact and damage by far outweighs the economic benefits of often (unqualified) breeders)
3. Animal welfare is not preserved by exposing female dogs to constant breeding - this is not 'reasonable' and in breach of POCTA
4. Enforcement against animal cruelty has not been successful, therefore a stricter approach must be taken to tackle the source of the animal abuse
5. Breeding facilities would have to be strictly regulated, numbers of pregnancies per annum restricted to 3 and this would have to be monitored by regular drop in visits at breeding facilities

My preference is to prohibit puppy farms and to strictly regulate any residual (allowed) breeding (if any).

We must get a handle on this topic. Very grateful this has been picked up again by Emma Hurst.

Kind regards,