

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

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To whom it may concern and Members of Parliament,

'Puppy farms' sounds like such a friendly place for animals but in fact, the breeding animals are neglected and mistreated while designer puppies are sold for amounts up to \$10,000 each by the owners who are rewarded for mistreating animals and are not monitored with enough scrutiny. It is my firm view that puppy farms should be closed down.

IF (and I am not saying they should be) puppy farms are allowed to continue (and I don't think they should) they should have to be registered and pay \$20000 per annum to have a licence. The licence fee includes 12 visits per year by an inspector who will take photos and record the living conditions of the breeding animals and provide Veterinary inspections and records for all breeding animals and puppies. Inspections should not have any warning. Any transgressions of operating without a licence or neglect will result in heavy fines of \$100000 each. In this way, rather than exploit and neglect animals and make a lazy living, they will need to look after their animals and operate under the watchful eye of government.

Furthermore there are hundreds if not thousands of dogs surrendered every day by owners who no longer want them. They end up in kill shelters if they don't get adopted in time. Instead of buying new dogs, if puppy farms are eradicated, the surrendered dogs could be adopted. There would be less strain on charities and infinitely better treatment of animals.