INQUIRY INTO ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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The Bill does not differentiate between unregulated Puppy Farmers and Hobby Breeders who are members of a regulatory body such as Dogs NSW. Puppy Farmers are not regulated by any recognised body and because of that they escape detection. Members of Dogs NSW and similar abide by Codes of Ethics which contain most if not all of the provisions in the Bill. Commercial Puppy Farmers do not have to abide by any ethics and escape detection because they fly under the radar and sell their pups on Gumtree and the like.

There has to be allowances for regulated Hobby Breeders who are already members of recognised organisations that impose rules and regulations on their members.