

Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY IN NEW
SOUTH WALES**

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I am writing this submission as a hobby breeder registered with Dogs Australia, our family has been breeding dogs as a hobby since 1975, we have always bred a litter for our next show dog, as that is what we are interested in, I have continued with the dogs as part of a 40 year plan on our bloodlines, we have always had purebred dogs and I want to maintain the integrity of our dogs, we breed great temperaments for the family pet as well, we offer pet families a lifetime support for the life of the pet, our dogs that we have bred, therefore do not end up in shelters or pounds.

I feel we are caught in the crossfire of trying to ban puppy farmers, so us registered hobby breeders are collateral damage as we are transparent and then the actual problem puppy farmers breed on undetected as they have the monies coming in to continue with these ridiculous laws, us hobby breeders, mainly only breed for our next show dog and invariably we work full time jobs to support our hobbies, it's very frustrating that people making these laws have no clue of the distinction of hobby breeders compared to a puppy farmer business netting thousands of dollars per year..

We need a guideline as to what defines a puppy farmer factory making thousands per annum versus registered purebred breeders who breed 1 or 2 litters per year, just breaking even and those defined hobby breeders need to be exempt from the policy that states we are a business..., we are not a business, we are a hobby and this is where the frustration is !!