

**Submission
No 203**

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

Name: Mr Sean O'Donnell

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Dear Committee,

Together with my wife, we are members of Dogs NSW. Our hobby is to show labradors and when planning a litter to try to produce the best possible Labrador we can that is free from known heredity problems and have the proper loving temperament of a Labrador.

We have read the submission of Dogs NSW and fully support that submission. We encourage the committee to fully take on board the comments of Dogs NSW.

The vast majority of people who show their dogs like us, all want the best for their respective breeds. No one wants or likes 'puppy farms' or people who have dozens of litters each year as rarely do those people take proper care of their breeding animals as they are driven by commercial desires. Whilst we do sell our puppies to lovely families we certainly do not do it for commercial gain. In fact if we tried to run a business we would make significant losses each year as for that reason people like ourselves should not be seen as businesses or breeding for commercial purposes.

Big commercial breeders have money. Of course they will push for licensing and DA requirements for all breeders as they know most people like ourselves simply will not have the money to pay for DA applications and ongoing licensing requirements. Once the small breeders who show their dogs (who produce the best quality puppies) are forced out, the big commercial breeders will have the market to themselves and will be able to force price increases. This should not be allowed. Likewise invasive powers to enter a residential household is a step too far, absent a proper warrant. Criminals selling drugs would have better protection than a person breeding a litter of puppies.

Thank you for reading our short submission.