

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

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as a resident of NSW who has spent my entire adult life working with, living with and loving life because of my involvement with animals of many kinds including being a hobbyist cat fancier for the last decade - I implore you to reject the proposed provisions in Companion Animals Amendment (Puppy Farm) Bill 2021 wholesale and instead, work to protect the continued existence of companion dogs and cats, including those of pedigreed pure breeds developed by countless generations of people over practicing the enjoyment, teamwork and companionship of their pets.

I am convinced that the Animal Justice Party, both through its stated aims and beliefs and those of other extremist organisations such as PETA which Ms Hurst has a strong past history of employment and alliance, are committed to an end result of a complete severing of interaction between humans and other species of animal - no more farmed livestock, no more working dogs or farm cats, no more zoos or wildlife sanctuaries, no more caged birds or guide dogs, no more fish in tanks or backyard chickens, no more horse racing or little girls and their ponies... and no more pet dogs or cats...

For very many people, that is a dismal and hideous world more akin to a Hell than a life worth living and virtually every aspect of the AJP's path to said Hell, is another nail in the coffin.

At the present time, the AJP intends to bring changes to the breeding of cats and dogs that will make it so untenable for hobbyists to continue, their passionate pursuit of maintaining and improving on their chosen breeds, including bringing future generations into being, which will join families around the country and some, around the world, after lovingly being raised in family homes, tending to their every physical and psychological/developmental need before leaving their first homes to join families and individuals who will likewise cherish them.

Treating hobbyists with half a dozen dogs or even twenty cats including the ones being run on and those who are shown and bred from, housed comfortably in cats runs and homes, bothering nobody and happy, healthy, busy and with the companionship of their own kind as well as their people ... treating these breeders the same way as businesses set up solely for the purpose of breeding companion animals, having hobbyists have to comply with the array of rules and regulations that are appropriate (and already in place!) with hugely tightened and restrictive measures such as many currently being proposed, will bring a sudden and shuddering end to gently bred family pets.

It will be brought about by people who believe they know best, when in reality they have no experience of breeding, are not vets, are not hobbyists and are not even aware of the behavioral differences between breeds of cats and regular domestic shorthairs or why 'a dog from the pound' is not always a best option for a family or as a companion for an older person who can't take on a bull type crossbreed weighing thirty or more kilos and all they want is a chihuahua or a little terrier...

just one example of what is wrong under the proposals - any single person who breeds dogs or cats, - they might have three entire cats at home - they would have to employ somebody to be in attendance at their home every time they wanted to pop out to the shops or attend an appointment or go to a wedding or cat show ... they would be regarded as a business would, that had fifty dogs, many staff and the need for business regulation. They would be required to have a staffing ratio greater than that for our aged humans in care homes...

I have so much more I would like to say but these submissions close in three minutes and my life has been full caring for my pets and my hobby...

PLEASE take advice from governing bodies of hobbyist pets, from vets and from the hundreds of thousands of pet owners, including many who love their pure breeds