

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

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I support the objects of the Companion Animals Amendment (Puppy Farm) Bill 2021 and support a ban on puppy farming in NSW.

I am concerned that puppy farms remain legal in NSW. That there are no registration requirements and no caps on the number of dogs who can be used for breeding and there is no government oversight of breeding facilities.

I have a friend who purchased a dog from a supposed breeder - and she is experiencing a huge vet bill associated with treating her ex-puppy farm dog who has an inbred genetic condition that has resulted in a dermoid sinus. She has a GoFundMe page attempting to raise \$9000 from her friends to pay for vet bills.

I also know a breeder who commented that city people find breeding facilities confronting - as the dogs live in concrete cages essentially. I don't think it has anything to do with being from the city. I live in Dubbo and it is my view that concrete cages for any animal is unnatural and cruel.

I believe tracing of where companion animals come from is critical. People want to know their dogs have come from a good place.

I support the following restrictions and rules:

All breeders (with 3 or more breeding animals) must register with their local Council, with mandatory pre-registration and annual inspections.

I support a cap of 10 breeding dogs, to prevent large scale intensive factory farming-style operations.

Limit of 2 litters per female as recommended by animal welfare experts to ensure that animals have the best quality of life after they cease breeding,

Mandatory vet checks (annually, and before and after breeding) and minimum 1 staff member to 5 animal ratio to ensure proper care of each individual animal.

Pet shops can only sell dogs or cats sourced from pounds and shelters to ensure they can't act as 'smoke screens' for puppy farming. Many pet shops already work from this model and have proved it is still a profitable business model.

All animals must be advertised with a 'source number' which links back to the registration system, and provides transparency and oversight for the public and enforcement agencies. People want to know their puppies come from a good healthy environment.