

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO PUPPY FARMING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Good evening Mr Veitch

I am writing to you as the shadow minister for agriculture and with my concerns regarding the proposed Animal Justice Party (Puppy Farming Bill) to go before state parliament. This is a very poorly researched and written bill. It will serve the fringe animal rights agenda and negatively effect those genuine breeders and owners of dogs in NSW. As a primary producer , not being able to obtain purpose bread working dogs and flock guardians will be devastating to many farmers who rely on these dogs to carry out their daily bussiness. Also the importance of having dogs from a reputable breeder, with known breed characteristics cannot be understated. Reputable breeders are already regulated by local councils and the state governing body, Dogs NSW. This bill will not stop those puppy farmers that already operate outside the law, with regard to animal cruelty. Greater policing of these non regulated breeders by the RSPCA and councils rather than more legislation, particularly this bill, is the answer. I explore you to vote against this legislation and also encourage your colleagues to vote against it as well.

Regards

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