

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO PUPPY FARMING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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I am writing as a very concerned citizen regarding the review of the laws (or absence of law) with regard to 'Puppy Farms'

Puppy farms are currently operating in NSW with little or no regulation to protect the dogs. Dogs are used as a commodity and a source of income. In most cases the use is abusive and once spent dogs are sadly disposed of with lack of care and gratitude.

In this submission I, like many other concerned citizens request that the way Puppy Farms currently operate is scrutinized and put under strict laws that protect the dogs and those who do not comply must be shut and put to justice.

Laws must cover the following:

- * Limits on number of females (and males) breeders can have
- * Limits on the number of litters a female must be forced to endure
- * Minimum age, maximum age and maximum number of years any dog - female or male - is used for breeding purpose
- * mandatory requirement for conditions and care for the dogs whilst they are used for breeding. This must include appropriate accommodation, exercise, care and affection, and Veterinary health checks and care
- * Such mandatory requirement mean also mandatory requirements with regard to staffing ratio
- * There must be a mandatory requirement for the breeder responsibility to appropriately and safely re-home the dogs once they are released from breeding.
- * There must be a mandatory lifetime responsibility from a breeder to the dogs used for breeding and the dogs born of these breeding. So that if someone who took in a dog or a pup can no longer care for them, it is the breeder's responsibility to take them in and re-home them.

Without the protection of such laws the puppy farm industry is cruel, abusive and a labour of greed instead of a labour of love.

I, and many like myself I am sure, is counting on you to make the wrong right. It is time!

Sincerely

Rachel Sussman