

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO PUPPY FARMING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Parliamentary Inquiry Committee,

I write in strong opposition of the continued operation of factory farming in New South Wales.

Sadly as the Melbourne events manager for Oscar's Law's (the anti puppy factory organisation) primary fundraising event, I have first hand experience at the hand of this industry. I have seen the once traumatised dogs rehabilitated by the rescue groups we fund, I have seen the genetic disasters that are these "designer breed" dogs...those bred in concentration, without thought for genetic diversity, and the establishment of genetic deformities and mutations.

Even more sadly, I could become a registered dog breeder within minutes, all I need is a credit card. I will not have checks done by Dogs Australia regarding welfare standards, and as a consumer I certainly should take no comfort in this formal registration. Largely most puppy factories are "registered breeders".

The parents of these puppies are largely empty vessels, whos raging anxiety and nervousness are often passed onto their offspring. The parents are often "debarked" with a stick, allowing their quiet suffering to continue. Many of these dogs are held in small concrete pens and many don't see sunlight.

We can and should do so much better than this. To see New South Wales dragging its feet on this legislation is both confusing and concerning.

Please end this horrific trade, in line with Victoria.

Yours Sincerely
Abby Gee