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INQUIRY INTO PUPPY FARMING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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It is distressing to know that puppy farming is still allowed and encouraged. Time and time again we see the outcome for those dogs, who have no say in how they are treated, being rescued and kind hearted people dealing with the fallout. There are so many dogs who may never know freedom from constantly being in pup. This is a totally unnecessary and cruel practice that should never have been allowed to reach the proportions it has today. It is a shame upon our State and Nation.

All breeders should be licensed. All breeders should happily comply with regulations to ensure the best outcome for the dogs, their owners and their future homes.

There can be NO humane or legitimate reason to allow this practice to continue and exist. Strong measures need to be put in place to ensure backyard and covert breeding and selling is heavily penalized, otherwise the almighty dollar will overrule all decency and humanity. If the States and Governments act now they will find there is a huge positive response to the decision to outlaw puppy farming, backyard breeding and selling of defenseless, innocent babies and young animals. A nation and its people are judged on how we treat our animals. WE often sit in judgment of other Nation's practices. Let's look to our own backyard and immediately take action to ensure this practice ends - for the sake of us all. Thank you for your earnest consideration and for not just talking about this issue, rather taking action. There is no requirement for any further discussion. If you aren't sure yourself, visit a backyard puppy farm and see for yourself what these wonderful animals have to endure. Out of sight, out of mind is not an acceptable response.