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INQUIRY INTO PUPPY FARMING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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I am an animal physiotherapist and have seen the heartbreaking results of puppy farming e.g. yesterday I built a wheelchair for a Staffordshire Bull Terrier with spinal deformities at birth. Puppy farming is cruel yet it remains completely legal in New South Wales.

Victoria and Western Australia have already banned the sale of puppies in pet shops and introduced laws to combat puppy farms - with other states set to follow.

Since legislation has been passed in other states, New South Wales has seen a surge in puppy farm applications.

Recent investigations into puppy farms in New South Wales have revealed extreme cruelty and suffering to dogs.

Laws to end puppy farms should involve restricting the number of animals a breeder can have, combat secretive online sales and ban the sale of animals in pet shops.

Please consider passing this legislation. Animals need protection from humans exploiting them and producing dogs with health problems that then suffer.

Thank you.