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**INQUIRY INTO PUPPY FARMING IN NEW SOUTH
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I do not need to point out the reasons why puppy farming is horrifically cruel, however it remains completely legal in the state of NSW. This must change. Victoria and WA have banned the sale of puppies in pet stores and laws have been introduced to combat puppy farms. With other states set to follow, it is time for NSW to take action to introduce new laws to stop these hideous farms from being able to operate. NSW has seen a surge in applications since Victoria passed legislation and tightening and toughening laws could have a great impact on deterring people from operating these terrible place for profit. We know that dogs endure extreme cruelty and suffering at the hands of breeders in these farms. One need only look at the heartbreaking story of Strawberry the Boxer, who was bred as a puppy herself, and died after four days of agony. She was in dire need of veterinary attention which not only was she not given, but her body was thrown out like trash after she died. Her two surviving puppies appeared advertised for a pet shop 8 weeks later. How absolutely appalling! This is just one tale of the terrible, heart wrenching abuse happening in NSW government sanctioned puppy farms claimed by Agriculture Minister Adam Marshall to be 'monitored' by authorities and regulated by 'robust' animal welfare legislation. I think NOT!!! Legislation in NSW must change. The number of animals a breeder can have must be restricted and breeders must be monitored effectively and in an ongoing manner. The law must make a provision for secretive online sales to be detected and investigated. The sale of animals in pet shops must be banned. It is imperative that NSW makes a commitment to truly create robust animal laws and that are backed by power of enforcement and enactment. It is time for NSW to ban puppy farms for good. I do not need to point out the reasons why puppy farming is horrifically cruel, however it remains completely legal in the state of NSW. This must change.

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