

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO PUPPY FARMING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Hello, I'm writing to oppose the commercial dog breeding facility in NSW.

Firstly, I do not believe companion animals should not be exploited for profit through commercial breeding and intensive housing. Many current and previous dog breeding facilities have serious non-compliance issues, repeated community complaints, notices requiring the unlawful use of the site to cease, community objections, and council staff recommending refusal. Despite all of this, facilities get approved.

Many of these dogs live in squalor and in poor health. Breeds such as the bulldog breeds are bred with serious health issues including breathing difficulties which they live with for their lives. Regulation over this industry is poor. One person alone can be in charge of hundreds of animals, which ultimately WILL result in neglect and abuse.

Dog shelters are already overrun with dogs looking for homes, we need to reduce the amount of dogs being bred rather than increase it. The euthanasia of shelter animals who're not adopted will ultimately fall onto the council also.

Approving the puppy farm increases the pain and suffering for all the dogs involved. It increases costs and pressure on council and upsets local residents.

Please oppose this proposal for a new puppy breeding in NSW. One that no one needs. Thank you.