INQUIRY INTO PUPPY FARMING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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The Provisions of the Companion Animals Amendment (Puppy Farms) Bill 2021

We fully support this Bill. Dogs are beautiful companion animals and I am a proud parent of a rescue greyhound ex racer. I am an animal lover like many others and see horrible conditions on facebook and other media every other day, the mercenary puppy mill farmers subject these sentient beings to. The innocent pups are considered and treated like breeding machines, denied veterinary care and discarded like ragbags once they are too worn out to produce more litters. Is this what our legislators want and that is why nothing has been done so far to ban puppy farms.

The Animal Protection issues associated with puppy farming

I am signing petitions on a daily basis where the poor, voiceless pups are in dire shape and conditions because the breeders are only concerned about their money and these animals are totally neglected.

- 1. They are denied adequate food, water and shelter
- 2. They are not provided with adequate veterinary care.
- 3. They are confined in filthy, small cages.
- 4. The litters suffer from genetic conditions that are a result of inbreeding.
- 5. The dogs are denied socialisation and enrichment.
- 6. The health condition of the dogs is appalling.
- 7. The dogs suffer from physical exhaustion.
- 8. The dogs suffer from psychological damage.
- 9. Since there is an oversupply of dogs because of puppy farms, many dog owners abandon their pets to the pounds, as they grow old or get sick. These people buy puppies from farms and the abandoned dogs are killed in large numbers in pounds every year.
- 10. There is a pet shop in Hornsby Westfield. I visited the place to buy some treats for my rescue greyhound. As soon as I entered the premises, I saw some puppies for sale in a tiny enclosure as well as other pets in cages for sale. It was appalling to see their condition and being treated as commodities for sale. I walked out of that store and wrote to a few organisations with no effect.
- 11. The picture below is from a puppy farm.



(c) the consumer protection issues associated with the sale of dogs from puppy farms online and in pet shops

The dogs born out of inbreeding suffer from genetic disorders.

The vet bills are on the higher side for pups coming out of the puppy farms.