

**INQUIRY INTO PUPPY FARMING IN NEW SOUTH
WALES**

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Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission.

I would like to see puppy farms completely banned. But if this is not possible, there should be at least two strict conditions applies to any licensed breeders:

- a) they should be restricted to 10 or less dogs
- b) each dog should only be allowed to have a single litter

My reasons for making these requests is that I regard puppy farms as inherently cruel, driven as they are by commercial imperatives rather than animal welfare motivations. At present, there are more than enough dogs in shelters and rescue centres to meet the demand of people who wish to adopt an animal companion. If these dogs do not find a home, they may be euthanized, and efforts should be made to rehome wherever possible. The continued existence of puppy farms undercuts this strategy of rehoming existing dogs. Breeding more dogs, when there is a surplus of dogs needing homes, is an unethical practice.

Finally, for those who think that dogs in shelters and rescue centres are not suitable for adoption and want a specific breed of dog, there are other ways of meeting this requirement. It is possible, for example, for individuals who own dogs to allow one of those dogs to have a litter, and to then give away the puppies. If this were done on a non-commercial basis, and with a limit of a single litter, then this need for particular breeds of dogs might be met. A suitable government department or animal welfare commission might co-ordinate such a scheme (using the internet to link the relevant parties) and could supervise the process of adoption to ensure the conditions mentioned above were met.