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

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Victoria managed to finally ban those atrocious puppy farms so what happened? Those pathetic individuals who think they - with the help of their mates in government - can abuse animals for profit, moved to NSW so they can continue exploiting "man's best friend". The NSW government has a terrible record of abusing animals for profit. The NSW government supports and encourages the building of exclusion and cluster fences so that kangaroos and other wildlife can't move freely, are denied access to water and die horrific slow deaths on them. The NSW government also supports the lies and barbarism of the Kangaroo Slaughter Industry where mobs are decimated

and in-pouch joeys suffer extruciating, painful deaths when their mothers are exterminated. All this is done for profit. The senate enquiry into kangaroo welfare produced a watered down report so the kangaroos are still being slaughtered commercially and by farmers in their dwindling numbers. Is this enquiry going to be any better? This state and this country need a government who values people, animals etc and the planet health over profit of multinational companies and affluent individuals.

There needs to be limits to the number of female dogs that any one breeder can have (10 to maximum of 20); and they must have enough space and shelter so that each female dog can get exercise in peace and protected from other dogs with or without her puppies (one sixteenth to one eighth acre); the space and shelter need to be cleaned out daily; a female dog must be given a significant break between each litter (2 to 4 years); all dogs need regular veterinary care (more often when pregnant); every female dog before she is pregnant needs to get a veterinary certificate signed by a number of vets (say three) that she is healthy and can safely have a litter.

I want to end the intensive breeding of companion animals, promote adoption and rescue as the best way to bring a companion animal into my family, require "pet" shops to keep only rescue animals for adoption, implement traceability for companion animals by integrating all state/territory systems into a national online register which documents the history of every animal from birth, ensure that people cannot use the Internet or other media to deceive the public regarding the origin of listed animals, and hold publishers accountable for advertisements that do not comply with legislation; allocate sufficient resources to enforce animal protection laws in each state, including annual inspections and audits of breeders and breeding facilities, Introduce a cap on the number of breeding dogs/cats held at any one property and a cap on the number of litters a breeding dog/cat can have per year and over their lifetime, ensure that when puppy and kitten factories close, the animals are rehomed through appropriate rescue groups, and not killed; prevent businesses from calling themselves "registered breeders" simply because they have a local government permit.

Like the slaughter of our kangaroos, live exports, factory farming, destruction of wildlife habitat and exclusion fencing; puppy and kitten farms can not operate and truly protect the rights of animals. It is a contradiction - you can't maintain animal welfare and have a profitable business on anything but a micro scale.

If puppies and kittens can be sold online and in pet shops; it is too easy for illegal breeders to have an outlet. For the puppies/kittens and the new owners protection; private individuals, rescue organisations and legitimate breeders should be the only source of companion animals.

It should be illegal for anyone to make money out of animals especially on a medium or large scale. We should be protecting animals. Only people who love animals and do their utmost to protect and care for them should be able to run

small or micro businesses involving animals.