

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO PUPPY FARMING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Dear parliamentary committee

Please stop puppy and kitten farming.

It's cruel and inhumane. It is just unnecessary when there are so many dogs, puppies, cats, and kittens already in animal shelters.

Intensive breeding is just adding to the problem of dumped animal, not to mention the fact they are yet another introduced potentially feral species.

Please don't pander to greedy people making a living from the suffering of animals and people who see them as a throw away commodity

The laws and regulations governing puppy and kitten farms are woefully inadequate.

There is no state-wide licensing or registration scheme in place, no minimum staffing requirement to ensure proper care, no limit on the number of litters dogs or cats are forced to have, and no qualification requirement for breeders.

Beyond the direct cruelty involved in using animals in these facilities, puppy and kitten farms contribute to the constantly growing issue of companion animal overpopulation and abandonment.

Each year in Australia, thousands of healthy dogs and cats are euthanised in pounds and shelters, simply because there aren't enough homes for them. Consumer demand for buying companion animals rather than rescuing strengthens a market for unscrupulous operators and the cycle of suffering continues.

Thankyou.