INQUIRY INTO PUPPY FARMING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Dear Sir/Madam

I am very concerned about the welfare of dogs and their offspring help in puppy farms. In fact I totally oppose the unregulated practice of puppy farms in NSW and seek the Committee's support to prepare policy, practice and regulatory guidelines to enable the effective enforcement of a regulated industry of puppy farms or dog breeding establishments for profit, The main goal of such a policy and regulatory framework should be on the welfare of the animal not the commercial interests of the animal owner. It should be based on existing legislation in Victoria and WA and where appropriate impose even greater sanctions for offences under the regulations. Illegal puppy farms should be identified and stopped with immediate effect and owners subject to the harshest treatment under the law.

In a humane society we should treat and love our domestic pet animals with the greatest of respect for their welfare and health. This is not happening in NSW with these dangerous and unsafe puppy farms and it has to stop.

I plead to the committee to undertake your work with that goal in mind and develop for NSW legislation and regulation which safeguards all animals in so called puppy farms and fosters an industry environment where proper and safe breeding establishments can be developed which support strong regulation and effective animal welfare standards

Thanks for the opportunity to make this submission regards

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