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

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I am writing in support of the Animal Justice Party Bill to regulate puppy and cat "farms". These farms are a disgrace and a scandal for any society that claims to value the welfare of animals values.

The current regulation is completely inadequate. It offers no effective regulation or protection for animal safety and welfare.

A number of investigations have uncovered appalling conditions for dogs. They are housed in putrid pens, deprived of adequate food and water. Their welfare is severely neglected. They are not exercised, kept isolated from other dogs and lack good vet care. It is unlikely that cats receive proper care. Mother animals are used solely to produce puppies and kittens for breeders to sell. Unlike the animals we share our homes with, they spend every waking moment without enrichment or companionship. Forced to produce litter after litter, they may be disposed of when their exhausted bodies slow down and produce fewer puppies.

My family has looked after a 10 year mother dog who had been thrown out of her puppy farm. She was in poor health and was socialized.

We live in a society that seems to value animals as pets and companions. the lack of regulation belies this image of concern.

NSW should follow Victoria and Western Australia's lead in effective regulation. I ask the government to support the Bill and to immediately produce legislation to regulate this cruel industry.