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

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I am writing to make a submission to ask the NSW Parliament to place appropriate restrictions and regulations on breeders.

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.

As a result, animals are often in squalid conditions. These animals, bred for companionship, are shown no care and compassion. They are a revenue raising endeavour only.

In the 20/21 year, the RSPCA euthanised 5,000 animals that were surrendered. The overbreeding and poor practices of an unregulated market in NSW are part of the problem.

Victoria became the first state (in July 2018) to ban the sale of animals in pet shops unless they are from a registered shelter, rescue group or pound. It was the first state in Australia to introduce a cap on dog numbers and a limit on how many litters a dog can have. From April 2018 puppy farmers cannot replace breeding stock and must start to phase down to 10 females by 2020. It was the first state in Australia to legislate a mandatory vet health check for every dog prior to breeding and post whelping.

Victoria implemented a public searchable online Pet Exchange Register. Anyone who wants to sell a companion animal must register their details and their 'breeder ID' number must be placed in all online ads. No breeder ID = no ad can be placed.

Penalties apply to any online trading site who allows ads to be published without a pet exchange register number.

NSW has a proud history of trailblazing law reform and we must do better.