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

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I am making a submission urging the NSW Parliament to work together in order to strengthen laws around the breeding of dogs and cats. Puppy farms are not the way to breed dogs. These situations leave the mother dog in an isolated and usually filthy living situation. Once exhausted of her usefulness, the mother is not taken care of. Some are dumped on pounds and in bushland. The mother dogs are forced to stay in small quarters or tied up. They cannot get out to toilet and therefore the situation is filthy. The dogs are not socialised. Once rescued (if they can get that lucky) they are difficult to socialise, because they have not idea how to related to other dogs and to humans.

The pups of dogs bred this way can have genetic problems and they aren't socialised in the way that pups from a reputable breeder are.

Add to this the fact that there are hundreds of dogs that are already needing homes (some of them due to puppy farming) and this is a bad picture for mans best friend.

Puppy farms (and the equivalent with cats) should be illegal. Dogs (and cats) should only be able to be bred by reputable, registered breeders. More needs to be done to ensure this happens and that this inhumane treatment of animals is punished with strong, meaningful laws.