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

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We are writing to you to express our strongest opposition to the proposed Companion Animals Amendment (Puppy Farms) Bill 2021 a Private Member's Public Bill of Emma Hurst of the Animal Justice Party and Alex Greenwich (Ind.). As members of DOGS NSW who are also absolutely opposed to the introduction of this proposed bill we are looking to you to assist in defeating this bill and any amendments to this bill by voting against the bill when it is again presented to the parliament for consideration.

Put very simply if this Amendment Bill is enacted - it will mean for us personally, the end of thirty plus years of passionate dedication and careful breeding of these wonderful companion dogs.

The bill contains many proposed processes and restrictions designed no doubt, to ensure that "puppy farmers" operate in a controlled environment but it's broad brush proposals - will unfortunately, for people like ourselves, simply make it totally untenable to continue to enjoy a culture and social environment that we have been part of for over thirty years.

As the owners and breeders of two globally acknowledged, rare and endangered breeds - the Sealyham Terrier (originally from Wales) and the Cesky Terrier (originally from Czechoslovakia) - the restrictive impact alone proposed under this Amendment Bill on the number of breeding bitches and the Spaying after 2 litters – Male dogs neutered at 6 yrs will make preservation of bloodlines we have carefully selected from around the world impossible - decimating our gene pools and in our case it may simply mean these two breeds will disappear from Australia.

What will also end is not only Pure Bred Dogs but exhibiting the breeds at Dog Club Shows as a social sport and supporting Townships (Many Regional / Rural) with us as Visitors exhibiting at dog clubs/shows bring important spending to the towns in areas of NSW.

With only nine breeders involved in the Sealyham Terrier (Australia wide) and my being the breeder of an endangered breed the impact of this proposed Companion Animals Amendment (Puppy Farms) Bill 2021 by Emma Hurst of the Animal Justice Party and Alex Greenwich (Ind.) will be devastating and we strongly urge you to vote against the bill when it is again presented to the parliament for consideration.

Thank You