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

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1) This Bill has the potential to drastically affect pet ownership in Australia - a choice which should not be subject to Government interference or control. There are a multitude of pedigreed animal hobby breeders who have invested their lives and substantial amounts of money into the protection, preservation and custodianship of their chosen breed. This Bill does nothing to "ban" the dreadful commercial puppy farming, but targets "Mum & Dad" hobby breeders whose animals share their family homes.. The Animal Justice Party share the PETA agenda to wipe out animal companionship entirely, and are dangerous and misleading in their efforts to appear to be fight FOR animals when they are in fact attempting to do quite the opposite.

2) There needs to be a clear definition of what a "Puppy Farm" is. I am a responsible DogsNSW breeder and have been involved in my chosen breed for over 40 years.. My dogs share my house, and my life revolves around the care, comfort and preservation of my beautiful dogs. Hobby breeders such as myself are not the "bad guys" but are being targetted as we are easily located by our websites and Social media pages where we share information about our chosen breed with the world - we are proud of our animals heritage and concerned for their future. We should not be tarred with the same brush as the large scale, profit driven breeding facilities/puppy farmers that exist only to make money - something that hobby breeders like myself don't. We invest in our breed with no avenue or desire for profit.

3) This Bill would likely see me as being non-compliant as I do not have the kennel facilities and staff required under this Bill. A CLEAR definition MUST be made between hobby breeders and puppy farmers - WE ARE NOT ONE AND THE SAME!