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

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My submission for consideration of the upcoming
Companion Animal Amendment Puppy Farming Bill

I would like to say I am **strongly against this bill**. I think no one who loves companion dogs in any way supports and wants to see puppy farms in our communities. As the bill currently stands you have no definition of what a puppy farm is. I have had experience with dogs from puppy farms and they are opposite to the loving environment in which I have bred my British Bulldogs.

The Dog (Max) I know was housed in a shed with forty other dogs in country NSW, had no interaction with people except to feed and mate and at three was given away as he had outlived his usefulness. He was in terrible condition and although he has gone to a good home, he still suffers the effect. Contrast that to the pup that I sold the same owner (now he has two dogs, so it is a realistic comparison, and I am happy to provide the owners details if you want to have firsthand account from both sides. Winston our pup was nurtured in our home with his siblings, was brought up with his parents, associated and exposed from an early age to children, noise, cats and a normal family environment which is not possible in a shelter I have been told by many of the owners my pups have gone to have helped them to just fit in perfectly and are affectionate, and have no social problems. These are requirements of a responsible breeder. I am not only responsible but passionate.

As the bill is currently if I am a DOGS NSW registered breeder, who breeds in my own home, you are non-compliant. I am a small breeder, choosing to space my litters and have a litter once every two years. So as to take care of both my females and the pups to the highest standard. I do this from my home where I can give them 24/7 attention, I have a large yard, and provide room for them both inside and outside the home, far greater than any shelter or mass-produced enterprise is able to do.

The way the bill currently stands there is the potential that you will not be able to breed or purchase a British Bulldog, which is classed as a companion dog by nature for your kids and family. These dogs are great with older people and young children alike. Dogs you re-home from shelters come with unknown issues, health, and behavioural problems from their pasts.

I have watched my pups go to loving homes, and do not just let anyone purchase one. These are loved members of families that comes often by growing up with the family. No one wants to see puppy farms my concern is you are killing off responsible people who are registered breeders try to do the right thing and this then drives the disreputable people (I don't call them breeders) underground further, it will also effect the price and availability of pure-bred dogs, which plays into the hands of those who flaunt the law as it currently stands.

You only have sit and visit with my vet to see responsible breeders,
and people who do the right thing. We should not be punished for the deeds of the minority.

Kind Regards,