

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO PUPPY FARMING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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I am against this Bill in its current format because of the following reasons:

- 1) This Bill in its current format will result in less animals being available to families. There is a plethora of science out there to prove that companion animals play a major role in the lives and mental health of their family. It would be a real shame to deny families in the future from having pets.
- 2) While the Bill mentions the term "Puppy Farmer", there appears to be no real definition of what this means? My thoughts on this are that Puppy Farmers are those that breed dogs on a large scale in either commercial premises, or dodgy "Back yard" set ups. The term "Large Scale" needs addressing with more input from the dedicated pedigree breeding community.
- 3) As a ANKC registered breeder, who breeds in my home I would not be considered compliant according to this Bill. I take great care to breed happy, healthy well adjusted puppies for family companions and competition. I am a "Preservation Breeder" who undertakes to maintain my chosen breed as it was intended in order to maintain its history and the history of its origins. This Bill will see that end and in turn many ancient breeds will become extinct.
- 4) If this Bill was to be passed it will have the reverse affect of its intentions as puppy prices will be driven up -thus making the illegal underground breeding of dogs in much less than appropriate conditions a very real scenario.

Thank you for your time to re-consider the tabling of this Bill in its current format. I would be more than happy to meet with interested parties to discuss this further.

Regards.
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