

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO PUPPY FARMING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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I wish to make a submission regarding the Companion Animals Amendment Puppy Farming Bill. I am against this bill as it will affect the lives of all persons and families who expect to be able to have a pet as part of the family as a normal part of life.

People should be able to go to expert breeders with real passions about dogs who breed dogs without monetary gain in mind. These are hobbyist who are largely involved in showing purebred dogs, developing breeding programs for dogs clear of health issues and raise puppies at homes in family environments to sell to families. These people are NOT large scale operations.

People such as these and myself are not "Puppy Farmers". A puppy farm is a business operating with dogs in kennels which has multiple litters and multiple dogs (large scale operations usually registered businesses). Your bill should not bunch those purebred dog hobbyist breeders with puppy farmers it is quite different. Our DogsNSW mandates many rules and restrictions for breeders registered with them. I feel we are well controlled already.

I think someone needs to get a hold on what the Bill really proposes and accurately understand who it affects and who needs to be mandated more. It is not as black and white as you think and your changes could mean you will never be able to buy a pet again.