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

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Dear Committee,

I am a member of Dogs NSW a state member of the Australian National Kennel Council Ltd and must abide by strict rules and regulations.

The Animal Justice Party Companion Animal Amendment (puppy farm) Bill will have far reaching consequences for the entire pet industry if legislated. The flow on will effect business, vets, suppliers and ordinary families who wish to own a companion animal.

This Bill is actually anti animal and will be devastating for those wishing to have a companion dog or cat from ethical, responsible breeders in their lives. Without the breeding of companion animals there will be no companion animals and it should be recognised that companion animals play an extremely important role in society. The health and welfare benefits they provide for people is well documented.

Ethical, responsible breeders take the time to get to know families and do their best to match their puppies to each family and provide ongoing support to all.

Buying a dog or puppy from a rescue/shelter is commendable but not for everyone. In many cases these animals have very little to no history. Whereas ethical, responsible breeders do know the history and health testing of their dogs and puppies.

In my opinion a puppy farm is a large scale facility, breeding in less than desirable conditions, with overcrowding and little to no personal interaction with the dogs and puppies(most likely not abiding by law)

Ms Hurst has given no definition of what she believes a puppy farm is. These ramifications will impact consumer choice and responsible breeders while doing nothing to actually target true puppy farms.

The use of the word "commercial" in the Draft Bill does not reflect the reality of the dog breeding, exhibiting and dog sporting members of Dogs NSW.

Concern over the powers of officers to enter premises when the majority of ethical, caring breeders raise their occasional litter inside the home. Will my home/house be subject to powers of entry at any time? Enforcement by charity organisations is of major concern as well.

As a Dogs NSW member Animal welfare is of most importance and I feel the difference between Animal Rights and Animal welfare is that Animal Rights believe that no animal should be used or owned by humans for any reason whereas Animal Welfare advocate for the quality of life for the animal. Animal rights activists will see the demise of companion animals.

In closing I want to say that this Bill is of extreme stress and worry to all good, caring hobby/recreational breeders who have in the past and are wanting to continue to love and care very well their dogs, cats and all animals.

Thank you