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**INQUIRY INTO PUPPY FARMING IN NEW SOUTH  
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Puppy and kitten farms in NSW need immediate overhaul and strict legislation to ensure they are regulated, with the onus being on each and every breeder to put the welfare of animals first and foremost. This includes their physical and mental welfare. These animals are loving sentient beings and should never ever be bred in factory farming style businesses . Laws should be developed that strictly regulate how many animals any breeder can have , how they are housed, the care and companionship they are given . All animals for breeding should require a veterinarian to certify that they are fit to be used for breeding and have no genetic defects that will be passed on that cause heartache to the animals and potential owners.

Laws should outline ( and regulate) how many litters that dogs/cats can have after which they must be retired and looked after or re- homed to suitable and vetted homes.

Breeders must be required to undertake qualifications to ensure they are skilled and qualified to to hold a license . License's for breeders must be in place and checks undertaken regularly as part of the legislation.

It is heartbreaking the amount of people who buy puppies and kittens from breeders and are lead to believe the parents of their puppy/kitten are living happy healthy lives, and often the puppies and kittens have serious defects from over and in-breeding.

This industry must be regulated in NSW immediately to ensure no dogs and cats are living in terrible and heartbreaking conditions. I ask that parliament immediately consider strong legislation to this industry.