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**INQUIRY INTO PUPPY FARMING IN NEW SOUTH
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Whilst I feel strongly that puppy farms and backyard breeding should become something of the past. Many of the responsible breeding establishments will be sadly and unfairly punished as a result of many of the restrictions within this amended legislation. I also know from past encounters that there are some so called responsible breeders who are nothing but puppy farms, hiding in plain site, by involving themselves in various dog leagues, rescue organisations and associations. Companion animals are so precious to so many people and families, if it comes to the huge restrictions being placed on Registered breeders many, many people will be unable to obtain a puppy, and this may also push puppy farmers further underground, making the living conditions of their breeding stock even more dreadful than they already are. I personally know of a very large breeding kennels who breeds their females each time they come in season, selling every third litter Registered with DOGS NSW, and the other 2 litters they sell slightly cheaper without Registration Papers. This same breeding establishment also has a very large pool of the so called designer dogs on offer, along with their Pedigree animals. And are involved in dog rescue and a dog league of their pedigree dogs. Like I said, hiding in plain site. Myself and then my husband have been breeding German Shepherds for over 30 years, we are not so called commercial breeders. We don't have pens and pens of females with puppies. We have one litters at a time so we can give each puppy the attention they deserve. We have 7 females, 3 of which are retired. In September 2021 we had our 1st litter in 2 years. All our dogs are part of our family, spending their days with us and curled up on the lounges along our front veranda, they only go to their pens at night for their dinner and quiet time. When our puppies are 3 weeks old, we introduce them to all our other dogs, who help the mum look after the little ones. I can almost hear whoever is reading this, thinking oh great another German Shepherd breeder. German Shepherds have been given a bad wrap over the years, and often for good reasons. Too many Shepherd breeders think they need to breed high drive dogs, but this is a common mistake. A Shepherd who is high drive needs to be stimulated all the time, and many unsuspecting puppy buyers are just not equipped to adequately train and maintain a dog like this, and the poor dog suffers the consequences, either being euthanised or handed over to an animal welfare group. The temperament we have in our dogs is very layed back. When they get out of a morning they run around for about 10 minutes, go to the toilet, and then just follow us around while we are doing things around the property. Many of our puppies go to people for disability support, children with Aspergers and ADHD, and they also excel at obedience trialling, herding, Schitzhund or just family pets, happy to be with their humans and sharing in their lives whatever it entails. I sincerely hope that our right to breed these beautiful creatures that we are privileged to have in our lives will not be taken away from us, as I strongly feel we are doing a special service to those who get one of our babies. Due to the temperament we have in our dogs, we have repeat families and their families families coming back to us over the 30 years we have been breeding, and to me means what we do is right. Thank you for taking the time to read my rant, but I do feel very strongly about the proposed restrictions that could and would destroy every persons right to own a companion animal.