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

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The current draft Bill will likely lead to the extinction of small hobby breeders who sell carefully bred healthy puppies to the public. With their loss, buyers will likely resort to purchasing their puppies interstate.

While regulation is necessary, the current draft legislation will mean the public will only have the option to buy puppies in NSW from large commercial premises or rehome rescue dogs that may not have a suitable temperament for their circumstances (ie working breeds living on small premises).

The restrictions will likely remove the option for a family to carefully research and select a suitable breed, find a local breeder who selects quality bloodlines and breeds sound healthy dogs, raises two to three litters a year in their home, and provides a lifetime of advice, care and friendship to their puppy owners.

The restrictions relating to council registration of breeders, staff ratios and other commercial aspects, will lead to the commercialisation of the companion dog breeding industry in NSW.

It is important that the NSW State Government support the breeding of quality puppies bred in home environments.

Careful oversight of the industry can achieve this, such oversight could include:

- Hobby breeders being overseen by Dogs NSW
- Limiting the number of breeding bitches, including those in guardian homes to no more than 10.
- Regular inspections are encouraged but where a breeder is breeding out of their home, commercial rules shouldn't be applied for internal fence heights and no mention of 'staff', as assistance is usually provided by family members.
- Requiring good record keeping, annual veterinary care and vaccinations.