

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO PUPPY FARMING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Companion Animal Amendment (puppy farm bill) 2021.

I have read the relevant points from Dogs NSW.

The issues I have with some of these points are:

Limiting to 2 breeding bitches for the small breeders including bitches living else with another household and only allowed only 2 litters. The outcome of this rule is reduced in genetic material and reduce stock for pet owners and increase in cost of pups due to reduce in supply and demand if stays at current level. It will also increase of puppy farming under the companion animal business

The fact that they include puppies from 8 weeks old as a one of the breeding bitches is unfair. At 8 weeks we are choosing a girl with potential. As the bitch matures problems can occur. I had a girl who at 4 months got a best baby in show but one ear did not come up, I gave her until 6 months for the ear to come up, but the ear never came up. Thus, she went to a pet home neutered, my next one pup had a correct bite at 2 months by 3 months her bite was incorrect again waited to 6 months, hoping it would be improved as she grew, it did improve but not enough, thus neutered and pet home.

I think a sensible policy would be only 2 breeds in the household with a maximum of 5 breeding bitches (total number of breeding bitches together both breeds). That bitches allowed 3 litters must be neutered at 6 years. That breeding bitches are considered any entire bitches over 12 months.

All members of Dog NSW have guidelines that we follow, all the dogs are registered. We have to have a prefix before we can breed pups. To get a prefix is not easy, member have to pass an education course. The dogs are pure breeds not cross breeds. Before we sell puppies, the pups are vet checked, immunised, microchipped etc.

As the multiple breeds of cross poodles and others crosses cannot be recognised and registered by Dog NSW thus can no longer be bred. Dogs NSW registered dogs have a family history multi generation but the cross breeds don't get a family history of the pups so how can you prove mum /son or brother full sister etc isn't happening. Also, all puppies must be microchipped prior to sale has been a policy but pups are often sold on places like gumtree without being microchipped etc required for the pups prior to sale. How come there never is someone turning up to these people's places when sales advertised and fine the noncompliant people.

For many breeds only a total out cross when breeding will be impossible. The genetic pool is small, impossible to find a stud dog that is not at least a cousin to the bitch. Mandatory Dogs at 6 years neutered again limit the genetic pool. I believe all pet dogs should be neutered but neutering at 6 years is stupid for registered breeder. Many breeds many dogs are not used at stud until fully mature, which can be about 6 years old.

The current suggestion indicates that the people creating the policy don't want people to have pets.

I believe they are trying to stop puppy farming but they are affecting the regular dog community badly

Dog NSW with their toughing up the guidelines. The policy suggested only have negative outcomes to the majority Dog NSW members that do the correct thing for their pets.

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