

Submission  
No 216

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

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To Whom It May Concern,

I write to you over concern and objection to the current Companion Animals Amendment (Puppy Farm Bill) 2021.

I believe the Bill as is presented causes much unnecessary restrictions and conditions for Registered Breeders. This Bill is lumping Registered Breeders in with Puppy Farmers - the exact opposite of what Registered Breeders stand for. We are here to love, care for and improve our breeds - not have our dogs as breeding machines. Most Breeders dogs are housed within our homes, not purpose-built factory breeding buildings full of concrete, separated and never socialising with other. If you want dogs to become factory-farmed, mass produced with no to little socialisation and enrichment then you're going about it the right way! Your Bill plays into the hands of Puppy Farmers! A perfect example of this is your condition of \*Companion Animal Businesses would be in conflict with zoning and Development Control Plans with most Councils. Each council has specific zoning for Animal Training & Breeding however in general, they are Rural Zones. So many of our Registered Breeders are regular people, not purpose buying property with certain zoning just so they can have a litter once or twice every couple of years! On the other hand, Puppy Farmers are willing to and have the money behind them to purchase property specifically for this purpose. Your requirement of \*Puppies and Kittens over 8 weeks old can be deemed to be breeding animals in the calculation of permitted numbers is absolutely ridiculous. As breeders we raise, nurture, train, exhibit, compete and show these animals all along learning about the individual dog and judging whether that dog is good enough and suitable to be bred with. This takes months of development and judgement and some of these dogs we 'invest' our time and effort into, we eventually deem to be not breed worthy. We don't breed with every dog we own and we certainly can't decide that at 8 weeks of age! If you're trying to force Registered Breeders into being businesses, you're going about it the right way: \*Pets Shop only permitted to sell dogs over 6 months old sourced from a rehoming organisation OR cats over 8 weeks also from a rehoming organisation. Registered Breeders take enormous time, effort and qualifying of our potential buyers when we do sell or re-home our dogs as it is always of the utmost importance that our dogs go to only the best most suitable homes - not just whoever walks through the door! There are many points in this Bill which just scream 'money-making' for Council, Government, Puppy Farmers, Pet Stores and other Organisations - not what is truly going to benefit companion animals.

I urge you to reconsider this Bill and the consequences it will cause. This Bill will cause numerous Registered and caring Breeders to have to get rid of many of their dogs and will only enable Puppy Farmers (who you're supposedly trying to disrupt) further - you're condemning the wrong people!  
Thank you