

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO PUPPY FARMING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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To whom it may concern, I would like to add my voice to the thousands of others opposed to puppy farming in NSW. It is wonderful that Victoria and Western Australia have made the practice illegal (as well as WA banning the sale of puppies and kittens in pet shops). Puppy farming is cruel, which is why it is kept out of public view. It is not acceptable that people are moving their operations from Victoria into NSW because our animal welfare laws are lax. There is no excuse for allowing people to have excessive numbers of breeding animals, especially when they are kept in awful conditions and are not subject to minimum standards of care for those animals. It is also not enough to have minimum standards enshrined in law, without an independent, active & well funded body who can monitor players in the industry, and have the power to enforce those standards and take appropriate action when such standards / laws are breached.

It is very upsetting that puppy farming is legal here in NSW. Over the last 2 years, throughout the pandemic, the demand for puppies has skyrocketed and people are paying exorbitant amounts of money for a puppy, and the backyard breeding industry is no doubt booming.

Please do the right thing by considering the health, welfare & conditions in which these puppies parent's are living. Please ensure there are minimum standards, a very small maximum number of breeding animals allowed on a property, appropriate licenses that must be obtained (earned) to participate in the dog breeding industry & means of enforcing all these things.

Kind regards,

Monique