

**Supplementary  
Submission  
No 224a**

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

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As indicated, we wish to add some additional information in relation to our submission re “the puppy farms enquiry in NSW”. We did take great pleasure in hosting the committee at the **Rockley Valley Park** facility where they witnessed the gold standard of breeding facilities in Australia. Unfortunately, the committee did not get time to view Kellyville pets retail pet shop which is by far the best pet shop offering in Australia which not only sets the standard for the homing of animals is also the go to store for the industry in setting codes of practice. We have pulled together a small video that we would appreciate to having the opportunity for the committee to view which may put some context around our submission, in particular item C below.

You tube video link.

[click here](#)

**(c) The consumer protection issues associated with the sale of dogs from puppy farms online and in pet shops.**

In relation to the supply of companion animals to the industry the greatest failure of the Victorian act was to confuse the Australian consumer into what is an “approved source” for the purchase of animals thus creating further black market and or scamming of new owners. The PIAA also challenges that “pet shops” should be part of the solution to new pet ownership and not ridiculed as the cause of puppy farms as some would suggest. Pet shops should indeed be on the approved list as they can be regulated as equal to the breeding community and are more visible to both the greater public and the inspectorate for compliance to animal welfare laws. Pet shops are the first point of contact to new pet owners and should be endorsed to communicate to consumers on responsible pet sourcing along with ownership whether they choice to sell animals or not.

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