

**Select Committee on Puppy Farming in New South Wales**

**Inquiry into Puppy Farming in New South Wales**

**Hearing – 23 May 2022**

**Supplementary questions**

Cat Protection Society

1. Even though kitten farming is currently a much smaller industry than puppy farming, do you believe that we should have legislation that regulates both dog and cat-breeding practices, in case certain types of cat-breeds become popular and susceptible to large scale industrial style breeding?

Yes.

Cats and kittens, as well as puppies and dogs, deserve legislation to protect their health, safety, welfare, and wellbeing.

Also, consumers need protection from unscrupulous, unethical breeders. People paying anything from \$500 to over \$1,000 to non-registered breeders selling “Russian Blue” and “Bengal” cats online are typically taking home grey cats, and tabby cats, and they could adopt such cats, already desexed, from their local pound or shelter, at a fraction of the cost and be saving a life at the same time.

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