

INQUIRY INTO PUPPY FARMING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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To the committee,

I make this submission to express my anger, frustration, sadness, disappointment no most of all my objection to current puppy farming laws in NSW, my home state.

I am furious - in an attempt to avoid passing legislation to protect dogs and puppies, some political parties have pushed this issue into an inquiry.

As you would be aware, at the moment in NSW there is no limit on the number of female dogs any breeder can have, no limit on the number of litters any dog can be forced to endure, and no mandatory vet checks or staffing ratios to ensure animals are given proper care.

This means someone can set up an intensive dog farm with 800 dogs and force them to pump out litter after litter for their entire lives until they die, all so the 'owner' can make a profit. The facility could have one person assigned to care for all the animals – and this would be perfectly legal. This is cruel and exploitative, and should not be legal.

Groups who support the continued factory farming of dogs are campaigning hard against legislation to end puppy farming, however I have faith in the individuals chosen to sit on this committee have a duty of care for these dogs, and that they will have a compassionate heart and mind , and see that there SHOULD be strict regulations in place, that puppy breeders must adhere to, which provide a level of well-being and quality of life for the dogs that is appropriate for any domestic pet, with severe penalties for any breeders found to breach those regulations, or failing to provide an appropriate level of wellbeing and care for their dogs.

Imagine being forcibly impregnated repeatedly over your entire lifespan, and giving birth to ten times more babies than you would normally. Imagine having no say in it whatsoever, and having nobody to protect you.

If we are to live in a world where animal abuse and exploitation are part of everyday life and accepted by the majority of the worlds population, obviously we need to put some rules in place to provide some level of safety (for lack of a better word) or wellbeing, for the animals we are exploiting.

It is my wish that puppy farming was illegal, but as that is not on the table, then there should definitely be rules and regulations in place that are monitored by an overseeing authority to ensure puppy farmers take appropriate care of their dogs.

You have been vested with the task of making this right , I hope you can do so.

Regards,