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INQUIRY INTO PUPPY FARMING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Pedigree Breeders (Dogs Australia) contribute very little effect on the puppy farming.
We already have strict guidelines in place regarding our dogs, I have been doing genetic health testing for many years plus every female I breed has a health certificate signed by veterinarian at the time of mating to ensure the female is in good condition to be bred.
You very rarely see any purebred dogs in pounds as they already have rehoming organisations established for that breed. We have breed associations specific to breeds for information, rehoming, puppy enquiries and any issues.

I believe the proposed legislation will only drive the puppy farming under ground and on the black market such as gumtree and trading post for people that are not involved in registered associations. I don't believe that the proposed legislation will help or benefit the current situation but I believe it will make it worse.

Areas that I may want clarified are :
1) What are the distinctions between exhibition of animals at zoos, wildlife, parks, as opposed to the exhibition of dogs at a dog show.
2) Your concerns to the use of powers of officers to enter premises. Many breeders raise their pups within a home environment, so is your house subject to powers of entry at any undefined time.
3) Your concerns may be around the definition of "commercial" where you consider that you may breed occasionally for the continuation of your lineage and the preservation of your breed but not for the pursuit of profits.
4) Your concerns that there are no regulations have been established in this paper.