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**Working to stop the oversupply and euthanasia of healthy  
pets in Australian Pounds**

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**The Premier of NSW  
Hon Nathan Rees  
Level 40 Governor Macquarie Tower,  
1 Farrer Place,  
SYDNEY NSW 2000**

Dear Mr Rees

**For personal attention: submission of petition calling for Inquiry into NSW pet industry**

We are an information and advocacy group dedicated to halting the un-necessary destruction of healthy animals in NSW Pounds and Shelters.

The reality is that there are far more animals in the pet market than there are available homes. As you are likely aware breeding of companion animals is not regulated, and profit motivated entities have little interest in slowing down the numbers entering the market.

There is much debate about the causes and responsibilities related to this problem. For this reason NSW is in urgent need of a full Inquiry to determine causes, responsibilities and possible solutions. Only with an honest and open assessment of all the factors that create pet overpopulation and pound killing can solutions be developed for once and for all.

With all the vested interests of profit motivated organisations in the 4 billion dollar (total Australia) pet market, we believe that only a Parliamentary Inquiry will be honest and transparent enough to satisfy all stakeholders.

We respectfully present you with 1000 signatories of concerned NSW citizens who petition you personally to intervene and support the call for this Inquiry.

We would ask you not simply to hand this over to the Minister for Primary Industries, Mr Ian MacDonald, as from past experience we will get a standard form letter explaining that the Government is doing enough to fix the problems.

Thousands of voluntary Rescue workers who work tirelessly 7 days a week to save an increasing number of cats and dogs who enter the Pound system each year in NSW will tell you that any "fixes" Government have initiated are NOT working. Codes of Practice that Minister MacDonald believes in are not workable solutions in the main simply because there are not the resources to police them. There needs to be other ways of thinking about the problem and possible solutions.

Please take the time to read some of the heartfelt comments that some signatories would like you to see.

Please let NSW show leadership in the massive problem that results in (our) State sanctioned killing of over 60,000 healthy animals in NSW.

Yours Sincerely

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