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I of support the Animals (Regulation of Sale) Bill in NSW, which will prohibit the sale of mammals from market places, pet shops and auctions. It will also stop the activities of backyard breeders and 'puppy farms'.

The currently unregulated trade often leads to impractical, uninformed and impulsive purchases of mammals, which has contributed to the suffering and subsequent euthanasia of more than sixty thousand (60 000) cats and dogs in NSW council pounds every year.

Under the Animals (Regulation of Sale) Bill, registered breeders, shelters, pounds and interested vet clinics would be primarily responsible for the sale of mammals.

The Animals (Regulation of Sale) Bill has overwhelming public support. This support comes from councils, animal management workers, pound staff, welfare organisations, registered breeders, environmental protection agencies, pet owners and non-pet owners alike.

The Animals Bill is a win for all Australians. It would benefit:

The Veterinary Industry	Selling animals responsibly facilitates responsible pet ownership. Responsible pet owners are more likely to invest in the health care, including a range of preventative treatments, veterinary products and services, of their animal. They are more likely to enrol in behavioural training programs, such as puppy pre-school, and to have their animals professionally groomed. Due to their increased standard of care their animals tend to live longer, extending their need for veterinary services.
The Consumer	The Bill would give people more rights as consumers as they will not be treated as an 'inexperienced' buyer manipulated and duped into impractical and overpriced purchases.
Wildlife	Abandoned (often undesexed) cats readily feed into populations of stray cats, and the ensuing generations can become feral. Stray and feral cats can impact wildlife through predation. Facilitating responsible pet ownership would reduce the number of cats who enter these populations.
Animal Welfare	Every year hundreds of thousands of unwanted animals are born in NSW. Many of these become strays, living in poor health and suffering from disease and starvation. The remainder may have their lives cut tragically short in pounds and shelters. The Bill will reduce the number of animals abandoned and euthanased through facilitating responsible pet ownership.
Local Government & Tax Payer	The reduction in ongoing costs required to manage, impound and subsequently euthanase an increasing population of unwanted companion animals each year will benefit both the Local Government areas and tax payers.

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