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**INQUIRY INTO ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY IN NEW
SOUTH WALES**

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As a long time breeder of Standard Smooth Fox Terriers Division 3 of the Prohibited and restricted procedures of the Animal Welfare Bill 2022 states SURGICAL INSEMINATION OF A DOG IS PROHIBITED. Due to low numbers of certain dog breeds within Australia the most successful way to continue a healthy breed is to import frozen semen, and the most successful way to achieve high results is for the semen to be surgical implanted.

I have bred dogs for over 30 years and this method is the most reliable form of breeding with frozen semen. We as breeders and keepers of our beloved breeds are spending thousands of dollars to improve breeds, working with Veterinary Surgeons that have spent years honing their skills in this area. With a stroke of someone's pen in Government they have decided to take away our rights to continue a hobby we have spent many years of our lives on. They are also taking away the rights of skilled Veterinary Surgeons.

How many more rights does the Australian Government want to take away from us, I understand Covid has pushed many people to breaking point but the Government now want to take away our hobby's as well because without a healthy gene pool to work with we can not continue. I dont have any issues with keeping good animal practice, I live it daily, but at some point in time common sense must come into play.