

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

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I would like to comment on the Draft Animal Welfare Bill 2022. My main concern is with Division 3 Section 22 (1) re surgical artificial insemination of dogs. I am an Australian Kelpie breeder. I have used surgical AI numerous times. Of course performed by an experienced vet, using general anaesthetic and post surgical pain relief. My girls bounce back to normal immediately and have never suffered any side effects. I have imported frozen semen from overseas and have had my own dogs collected and it is all stored at a reproductive specialist vet clinic. The calculations on how much semen to store has all been done based on surgical AI as the insemination method. At least twice as much semen is required if Trans Cervical Insemination is done. In many case I would not have enough imported semen for TCI, meaning I have wasted lots of money on importing and storing that semen. I would like the new legislation to allow surgical AI to be undertaken by properly trained reproductive vets. I am also concerned that as Surgical AI is not defined in the definitions part of the bill that you just might even be considering TCI to be a surgical procedure? If that is the case then a country like Australia being so remote from the rest of the world will have no hope of ever increasing its gene pool for pure bred dogs. Please consider the breeders that care for their dogs in every way and have committed a lot of money towards their future breeding programs using the current legislation which allows surgical AI. Thankyou.