

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

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Prohibiting vets from performing Surgical Inseminations is going to be detrimental to the integrity of the integrity of many breeds. Many breeds like bulldogs are already running from an incredibly small gene pool. If you limit the use of SI you will see most professional breeders not importing semen from overseas anymore as TCI do not give the success rate of a SI ... Breeders rely on the ability to import to further diversify bloodlines by the introduction of new lineage. SI's are minimally invasive to the bitch. It's a short procedure and is done with great care and caution. Rather than banning them all together ... how about imposing a limit. That a bitch can only have 2 SI during her lifetime. With the breeding limit being 4 years old.

I think that is a far better option all round for the integrity of many breeds.