

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

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I refer to NSW Government's Draft Animal Welfare Bill 2022, Under Division 3 Prohibited and Restricted Procedures Vets are prohibited from being able to provide a surgical Artificial Insemination service on any animal, including dogs. Whilst I'm not a vet so this will not affect me directly, I have dogs most of my life. Some of them have been from bitches who needed to be artificially inseminated. This was done under anaesthetic by a qualified Vet. Bitches involved suffered no ill effects from the procedure at all - whilst they would have been badly traumatised being "naturally" covered by a dog due to having tiny reproductive organs.

To try and ban artificial insemination of animals based on absolutely no evidence that it causes either mental or physical damage is just ludicrous. It will reduce the gene pools of some very valuable animals of all species. Some rare species may even be lost to us forever.

Farmers, conservationists and dog owners who choose to pay to have their animals inseminated by a professional Vet have bloodline and DNA importance uppermost in their minds and will go to any expense to safely preserve the same.

What will happen if you don't allow vets to carry out the procedure is not something I even want to think about. You would be better served bringing in legislation to totally ban the evil "puppy farms" than trying to make life difficult for farmers and others who genuinely care about their animals. I doubt a puppy farmer would spend money on AI - they're more likely to just throw the animal out in the bush or at the tip as they have no interest in anything other than mass production of puppies. I urge you to delete this clause as not only stupid but potentially a cause of great harm.

regards