

**Submission
No 36**

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

Name: Mrs Tannille Ohara

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I just wanted to bring to your attention, to the inquiry into Animal Welfare Policy in New South Wales which is currently underway.

This inquiry relates to the 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. As a dog owner, I am not qualified to give an opinion on whether this procedure is too cruel for dogs to have performed on them, but I feel it is important that the decision to include such a prohibition in legislation should be done based on science and veterinarian advice, rather than views presented by non-medical laypeople.

If you could please spend a few minutes to submit a response to the inquiry committee, regardless of whether you live in NSW, as a veterinarian practitioner with a qualified opinion, whether you think this is a cruel procedure or not, would be greatly appreciated.

I would also ask that you pass this onto your colleagues and other Veterinary professionals you may know and ask them to submit a response.

It is important we have as many qualified opinions as possible from all over the world in order to be sure any amendment in this regard is truly in the best interests of the animals and genetic diversity of the breeds.

Thank You for you for your time