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

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Being a member of Dogs NSW for over 40 years I am appalled at what the Animal Justice Party have submitted that in content will effect every registered hobby breeder in NSW.

We follow the code of ethics drawn up by Dogs NSW and I feel our controlling body have guided its members, having animal welfare as top priority.

Yes I agree we all have to be accountable. But putting these ridiculous restrictions on reputable breeders will cripple the long term future of registered pure bred dogs.

Below is Dogs NSW submission and all our current members are in favour of this objection.

BREEDERS WARN THAT ANIMAL JUSTICE PARTY BILL WILL CRIPPLE DOG OWNERSHIP (Sydney, February 7, 2022)

Pet ownership, breeding, and the future of dog shows in New South Wales are all under threat from radical new laws proposed by the Animal Justice Party.

DOGS NSW, which is recognised by the NSW government as the peak purebred breeding body in the State, has warned that the AJP's Companion Animals Amendment (Puppy Farms) Bill 1 would have a devastating effect on our way of life and the entire pet industry if enacted.

"This misguided, draconian Bill will decimate the breeding and exhibition of purebred dogs and cats, undermine our freedom to have pets, and have next to no effect on puppy farm operations, which we are absolutely against," said Ms Lyn Brand, President of Dogs NSW, which registers 25,000 purebred dogs every year.

"We are astounded by the Animal Justice Party's lack of insight. Their Bill would create huge incentives for unlicensed backyard operators that make it impossible to regulate breeding conditions and animal welfare. This badly flawed Bill has missed the mark – it will actually have the effect of being anti-animal, with destructive consequences for the professional breeders, owners and hobbyists represented by DOGS NSW."