

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

Organisation: Companions And Pets Party

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COMPANIONS AND PETS PARTY

Supporting the right of people to own
companion animals and pets

This submission is made for and on behalf of the Companion And Pets Party in response to the proposed bill Companion Animals Amendment (Puppy Farms) Bill 2021 as introduced by the Hon. Emma Hurst, MLC.

OUR FREEDOM - OUR RIGHT

Executive Summary

The community has a fundamental right to the ownership of animals, and the freedoms that our nation provides allows the quiet enjoyment of these animals.

No government in Australia has EVER been granted a mandate by the electorate to revoke that freedom or that right.

That right and that freedom are fundamental rights that citizens of Australia believe are naturally theirs.

This Bill seeks to greatly diminish the rights of people to own animals, and the rights people have to quiet enjoyment of their animals.

THE COMPANIONS AND PETS PARTY (CAP) WILL VIGOROUSLY DEFEND THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE OF NSW AND AUSTRALIA TO OWN ANIMALS, AND ENJOY WHATEVER LEGAL PURSUITS THEY UNDERTAKE WITH THEIR ANIMALS.

CAP calls on the NSW Government to immediately abandon this bill.

HISTORY OF FREEDOM AND RIGHTS

Whilst Australia does not have a Bill of Rights, the USA does, and an analogy can be drawn from this bill as to the fundamental rights that Australian citizens would believe naturally belong to them.

The American Civil Liberties Union makes a detailed commentary on the history of the Bill of Rights as it relates to the U.S.A.

It outlines the following:-

The nation's founders believed that containing the government's power and protecting liberty was their most important task, and declared a new purpose for government: the protection of individual rights.

It goes on to detail the separate meaning of Democracy and Liberty (Freedom).

Democracy means that people ought to be able to vote for public officials in fair elections, and make most political decisions by majority rule.

Liberty, on the other hand, means that even in a democracy, individuals have rights that no majority should be able to take away.

These rights are defined as "unalienable rights" and are also called "natural" rights, and one writer stated they were "the great rights of mankind."

One of these rights is listed as :-

- **Privacy**
 - **The right to be free of unwarranted and unwanted government intrusion into one's personal and private affairs, papers, and possessions.**

The community has a fundamental right to own animals, and as such they become possessions. This is the very issue at stake here in this Bill. With the privilege of owning an animal also comes the serious responsibility for the welfare and care of the animal.

A responsibility this party will help ensure every owner complies with.

THE PROMOTORS OF THE BILL

The bill is introduced by the Hon. Emma Hurst of the Animal Justice Party.

This party is inextricably linked with Animals Australia, providing links to Animal Australia's site from its own website. PETA is linked to both these organisations through its policies and philosophies which are so aligned in many ways.

These organisations have a goal of ending animal ownership of all types.

Evidence of this is drawn from documents produced by these organisations, and those who run them.

The Animal Justice Party, amongst other things have stated **“to phase out the sale of companion animals, including birds, reptiles and fish....”**

and **“...to phase out the breeding of companion animals...”**

Another comment by an AJP candidate **“...how about we stop breeding of all sorts there's no such thing as a good breeder.....”**

Comments from Peta include **“...pet ownership is an abysmal situation..”**

and, **“...In the end, I think it would be lovely if we stopped this whole notion of pets altogether”.**

and, **“...the cat, like the dog, must disappear...”**

There are volumes of reports about Peta in the USA, and in the other countries where Peta is represented (which includes Australia,) regarding behaviour, comments and actions, that any decent person would find reprehensible.

These statement and beliefs strike at the very freedom and rights of Australians to be able to enjoy their companions and pets free of interference from those seeking to impose their will on others.

There are numerous other reports surrounding this organisation that can be made available, or can be sourced via a simple search of internet.

THE BILL

This bill contains so many areas that seek to remove our freedoms and rights.

This party does not intend to outline every weakness in this Bill, nor does it intend to try to amend this bill in any way.

This Bill has no place in our society, and The Companions And Pets Party (CAP) opposes its introduction.

CAP calls on the State Government to withdraw this Bill which denies Australians their right to the ownership of companion animals and pets.

DON'T LET THIS BE THE FUTURE FOR OUR CHILDREN



“If people want toys they should buy inanimate objects” Ingrid Newkirk (PETA)