

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

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Submission on the Draft Animal Welfare Bill 2022.

I am a member of Dogs NSW. Which is a state member of the Australian National Kennel Council Ltd.

I support the welfare of all animals and believe all animals deserve the very best of care and attention. Recreational/hobby breeders provide ongoing support to the families who have their puppies as well as do health testing of their dogs.

Many aspects and the understanding of this Draft Bill are extremely worrying and very concerning to me. Some of these are.

The distinctions between the exhibition of zoo animals, wildlife parks etc as opposed to dogs in a dog show.

Concerns around the powers of officers to enter premises. Most Dogs NSW breeders raise and care for their puppies in their own home environment. Will my home/house be the subject of entry at any time?

The use of the word "commercial" in the Draft Bill does not reflect the reality of many of the dog breeding members of Dogs NSW. Where they may breed occasionally for the continuation of lineage and preservation of the breed but not in the pursuit of profit.

What is the meaning of "seized things" there seems to be no clear definition of this.

I believe if this Bill becomes law it will destroy the ability to enjoy the hobby and lifestyle as an exhibitor/recreational hobby breeder.

Thank you