

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

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The proposed Bill in regards to Companion Animals; doesn't note the differences of a Registered Member of DOGS NSW that exhibits, breeds and judges dogs with a Code of Ethics, now referred to as hobbyist. As opposed to Joe Public that mates their bitch to any breed, then sells unvaccinated; not microchipped; these are referred as Backyard Breeders BYB..

These are the pups sold from internet sites, markets and petshops. as unchipped, there is no tracing back to where they were bred.

The Act is encouraging major commercial breeding farms under DPI guidelines. These Farms do not provide the early socialing and stimulation required for all pups and kittens from birth up until their sale.

Buyers should have the choice of buying from the Hobbyist; these are breeders who value health testing for their breeds, accepts the pups/dogs back when required. Are members of Breed Clubs that have Welfare and Rescue groups within their breed.

This Act can't be policed ; as it is at the moment Welfare Groups can't keep up with the MIXED breeds of dogs in Pounds; NOTE: rarely ever a Purebred from a registered breeder as they are traceable. This BILL must NOT be passed!