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

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To Whom it may concern

## **Animal Welfare Bill 2022**

I am and have been a hobby breeder for some years and I have always been a member of Dogs N.S.W because I love dogs and wish to provide the correct care and morality for my animals. I have great understanding and respect for The Code of Practice of Dogs N.S.W.

Recently I was provided with the Draft Animal Welfare Bill 2022 and I had quite a few concerns raised which is why I wish to raise an objection to this Bill.

Last year I submitted to Dogs N.S.W my concerns after as a member there was consultation regarding this Bill but after this consultation there seems to be additions that simply were not there before!

i.e. (surgical insemination), definitions were included that confuse, regulatory powers that are seen nowhere else in our lives, are proposed including:

9. Page 29, Part 7 Enforcement and compliance, Division 3 Power to enter premises, Section 66 Powers of authorised officers to enter non-residential premises (1) An authorised officer may enter premises, not used for residential purposes – (f) These raise uneasy concerns for me.

While reading through the draft I found it very difficult to see the difference between Exhibition of animals meaning i.e. zoo, circus or dog/cat shows.....

I do not consider my hobby breeding as commercial because litters created by my breeding are for improvement and continuance of my lineage and not for pure profit.

Also there is reference throughout the Draft to Regulations but it does not state exactly which Regulations, so I enquired to the DPI which Regulations were being referred to?

Only to be told that the Regulations are also being revised but this has not been done as yet so there are no regulations in place that the draft is referring to.

How can I know what "Prescribed standard" "Seized Things" will mean or any of the other references in this Bill? When there are no regulations presented with this Bill and these are yet to be developed by the same policy makers that gave us this Bill. On many pages I am confronted with some confusion and vagueness.

I feel that The Animal Welfare Bill 2022 is far from supporting the welfare of animals, and if made law, this Bill will:

- Drive decent and caring people out of the animal sector
- Create a niche for truly commercial companion animal breeding factories to thrive
- Provide an environment in which puppy farmers will continue as usual to fill the market gaps and charge outrageous amounts for animals bred without care or concern.

I would like to make you aware of the fact that as a hobby companion breeder all homes for any of my puppies or older dogs are carefully vetted by me and 24/7 contact is made available for any information or help the people made need for care of their pet. This is not something a larger facility would provide.

How can the NSW Government expect to develop trust by actions such as this?

I fail to see how this Bill will bring about positive change for animals when, if you own an animal, you will have to live with constant threat?

I ask you to have a very good look at this Bill before you vote. It is confusing, unworkable and creates anxiousness in our normal everyday life.

Regards,

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