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

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The changes to the animal rights bill should ensure that all animals are protected from harm and cruelty. Animals feel pain, animals get bored and lonely. They need quality food and shelter and they need exercise and health care. An animal rights bill should ensure that all animals have access to all these rights upheld. It should not be just a document that pays lip service to these concepts. It should uphold animals right to be treated humanely and severely punish anyone that does not do so.

Please protect our animals with the full force of the law. The breed of dog I own is one of the most purest breeds in the world and had been unaltered for hundreds of years and now they are likely to be non-existent if the bill is passed.

I am saddened for all the families that will no longer be able to have a purebred, pedigree Samoyed in the future if this bill is passed.

I am disgusted with the people and organisations who have created this draft bill, clearly money is the agenda behind it.

I agree that hobby breeders need to be held responsible for sound, healthy, well-adjusted puppies and explore the parliament to allow governing bodies such as the existing ANKC and or Dogs NSW to ensure members adhere to existing codes of conduct around animal welfare.

I am not adverse to having restrictions on the number of breeds and the number of litters a hobby breeder can own and breed, but this can be governed by existing bodies as stated above. I do not believe I should be defined as a 'commercial breeder' based on my breeding 8 litters in 24 years!

I feel the people and organisations behind the draft bill are so out of touch with the general public who purchase pure bred, pedigree pups from trusted and respected breeders.

I ask the parliament, why am I being targeted as a hobby breeder that does health testing, spare no expense for veterinary treatment and love my animals etc....why are farmers and back yard breeders immune to this ridiculous draft bill who breed litter after litter in unclean conditions, that dispose or dump their pups when an unwanted litter is born or they can't afford proper veterinary care and treatment? Why are back yard breeders immune to this draft bill?

I hope that parliament recognises that pedigree, purebred dogs are so important to Australia and that many families will be adversely impacted if the bill is passed.