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

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I am making the following submission on the Draft Animal Welfare Bill 2022., indeed end

Breeding and showing my dogs has been a life-long hobby of mine and this bill will seriously curtail indeed end my hobby if it is passed. I am a member of Dogs NSW and have been actively involved in the dog world all of my life, I am not a commercial breeder and breed the occasional litter in order preserve my bloodlines and to pay for my hobby and cover the costs associated with the upkeep of my dogs which primarily are my pets and I believe the conditions that my dogs are kept in are fully compliant with the relevant codes of practice for best welfare which naturally incurs expenses. I have imported dogs at great expense to myself to introduce new bloodlines and further my hobby.

The draft bill refers to the exhibition of animals I would like to continue to show my dogs as I have done successfully in the past and there is some ambiguity as to whether or not this activity would be allowed after reading the draft policy.

My dogs live as part of my family and all litters of puppies are born and lovingly raised in my house, again I stress I am not a commercial enterprise, breeding dogs is my hobby and something I enjoy, I have nothing to hide however I have serious concerns about the power of entry that animal welfare officers will have to enter my home at any given time, .and am opposed to the concept.

Thank you for allowing me to comment

Pauline Worthington