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

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I object strongly to the Draft Animal Welfare Bill 2022 being brought before the NSW Parliament.

I am your typical Aussie; I don't generally protest and I try to live a quiet, law abiding life loving and enjoying my dogs and the activities we do together! So, in writing to you, please imagine how seriously concerned I am with the NSW Government proposals of the Draft Animal Welfare Bill 2022 as a long term purebred dog owner / breeder / exhibitor and dog lover.

Having reviewed the document with which I will be obliged to comply, I am confused and concerned at some of the proposals included in the Bill. This is a government that expects to put the powers in place and then, after the fact, tell us all what that will mean.

How can the NSW Government expect to develop trust?

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

The Draft 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.

It is difficult for any ordinary person, such as myself, to be expected to understand or comply with the definitions and interpretations that this Bill presents.

The Draft Bill, in parts, is an overreach, which could under this proposed legislation find. guilt. The definitions and construction of this Bill are so loose that no ordinary person (including myself) would be able to afford the necessary legal representation to defend themselves as a dog owner/ breeder.

There are no safeguards in this proposal to protect ordinary hobbyists, like myself.