

Submission
No 239

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

Name: Name suppressed

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I own and breed / show Labrador Retrievers and have done for over forty years. My dogs are my life and my life revolves around my dogs. I moved from a residential area to this property to provide more space for my beloved dogs to run and play. Their physical and psychological welfare is my major priority and no amount of time or expense is spared for care, cuddles, supplements or veterinary care which may assist them live a very happy, good quality life.

After reading the Draft Animal Welfare Bill 2022, I have found several areas needing clarification.

a) Exhibiting An Animal – there needs to be a clear distinction between exhibiting a dog at a dog show and an animal exhibited at a zoo or wildlife park

b) Definition Of “Commercial”. I breed occasionally for the continuation of my lineage from the past forty years and preservation of Labrador Retrievers, but not for pursuit of profit. My costs greatly exceed any money earned by the sale of pups.

c) Page 29, part 7 Enforcement and Compliance, Division 3 Power To Enter Premises, Section 66 Powers of authorised Officers to enter non-residential premises. As “Commercial” has not been defined, how could I sleep, if my home, where I raise my puppies, can legally be broken into at any time, because it falls under non residential purely because I receive money for my pups to cover costs?

d) Requirement To Comply With Standards. In this section – prescribed standard means a standard prescribed by the regulations for the purpose of this section. How does anyone know what “prescribed standard will mean?