

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

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I agree that a licensing scheme would work, but perhaps discounts for member of the ANKC could be considered.

As a "Hobby breeder", I think that much consideration should be given to both the numbers of intact bitches and litters produced per year should be given. On average, I only have one litter per year. Some years, no litters, other years two litters. I generally desex my older bitches, who remain with us as pets. The dogs I do have are all household pets, and some of the requirements for animals to be kept in "suitable enclosures" that have been proposed, really go against the grain for most of us who only have half a dozen dogs at most, including older, desexed males and females, who we prefer to live with us as pets. I think a maximum of 5 entire bitches (which would include pups too young to be bred, as well as older bitches that are perhaps ready for one more litter only, would be a reasonable number to be considered an exempt breeder.