

**Submission  
No 301**

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

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I am a adult who was born into and grown up in the dog show world and that of hobby breeding of dogs.

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

Division 2 Standards 20 Requirement to comply with standards

(3) In this section— prescribed standard means a standard prescribed by the regulations for the purposes of this section.

How do we know what “Prescribed standard” will mean? There are no regulations presented with this Bill and these are yet to be developed by the same policy makers that gave us this Bill. On many pages we are confronted with some confusion and vagueness.

But under ankc standards and policies there are guidelines and expectations that hobby breeders and dog showers are already agreeing to on a regular basis ensure the animals that are being shown cared and breed are of exemplary breeding standard health and in a sustainable way.

These breeders looking into testing for genetic conditions to improve the health and wellbeing of the breed not a commercial setting in which puppy farmers who don't concern themselves on if their is heart defects or breathing difficulties are allowed to continue under this bill.

If the current Bill proceeds without addressing our concerns, I will have an opportunity in March 2023 to let the government and its supporters know just how I feel.

I love animals. I care about animals. I truly support efforts to protect them, however this Bill is so overreaching by a lack of providing clear, concise and limited definitions as well as the open ended potential for regularity interpretation. I am particularly worried that regulations will be developed after this Bill has been passed without the opportunity to consult. Please look at how this bill will effect this positive and truly caring community of the dog show world and also hobby breeders who supply quality animals for both the show world and quality pets for homes all over nsw and australia wide. Many australian breeders have been acknowledged world wide for their foresight in the wellbeing of breeders that are bred shown and cared for here. The way we look after these animals we care for how they will continue to thrive and health and wellbeing of the animals instead of making a profit

Please think how you will impact people lives and the animals that the care for so deeply