

PETITION

TO THE HONOURABLE THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF NEW SOUTH WALES

The Petition of certain residents of NSW state that

The Department of Primary Industries (DPI) is proposing changes that will effectively shut down the avicultural hobby and associated industry, including those who breed a few birds in their backyard aviary. They propose classifying aviculturists (and other private animal breeder hobbyists) as Pet Shops, thus, requiring TAFE Cert 2 training, a total of 21 written procedures together with an exhaustive list of other registers, directories, training manuals, guarantees, rosters, signage, cage size minimums, etc.

Community-based avicultural (birdkeeper) groups are avian animal welfare experts. Despite this fact there has been no prior consultation which has led to this inoperable proposal that adversely affects all hobbyists of birds and other animals.

Your petitioners request that the House will require the Minister for Agriculture to

1. Ensure the Pet Shop definition in all regulations, standards and codes under the *Protection of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979* (POCTA) excludes all private animal breeders and community-based animal group events.
2. Delete all references to birds within the POCTA (Animals in Pet Shops) Standards and Guidelines completely and ensure the existing industry endorsed NSW *Animal Welfare Code of Practice No 4 - Keeping and Trading of Birds* is the standard (and guidelines) for birds under the NSW POCTA, including for Pet Shops.
3. Require DPI to form a consultative committee to provide ongoing communication between major DPI stakeholders including representation from community-based animal groups such as Canary and Cage Bird Federation of Australia Inc.(CCBFA).

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