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**NSW #imnotapetshop UPDATE – WE WON!**

Common sense has prevailed. Hobbyists will NOT be classified as Pet Shops.

The draft NSW Pet Shop Standards and Guidelines have been scrapped completely. A new consultative process that includes CCBFA as a central stakeholder will begin in due course.

Many thanks to all our affiliate clubs and their members for such fantastic support. This campaign proves that aviculture, when it works together, has a voice and can influence government policy and direction.

We thank Minister Niall Blair for his decisive action to halt a rotten non-consultative process. Behind the scenes we have worked closely with the Minister's office and senior DPI staff. Our campaign provided the Minister the necessary public support to counter opposing views from those within DPI and on the Animal Welfare Advisory Council (AWAC). We applaud his commitment to restructure the NSW animal welfare bureaucracy at DPI, including scrutiny of the Animal Welfare Advisory Council. These are the groups responsible for this fiasco and it is a bonus that these groups will now come under scrutiny.

The real animal welfare experts are the hundreds of community-based animal groups, along with the veterinary profession and of course farmers. All these groups have been animal welfare educators and advocates for hundreds of years. Animal welfare is central to our day-to-day existence, it is what we do, and our expertise is specialised and professional.

Codes of practice and standards should be written by the experts not by the bureaucrats. So, with the blessing of the Minister's office we move forward with our plans to review our Keeping and Trading of Birds Code led by our Expert Bird Group – but more on that later.

Please pass on our thanks to all who supported and worked on the campaign.

Kind regards



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