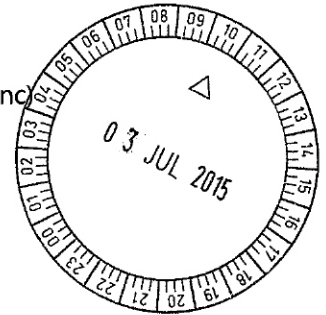


Select Committee into the Operations of the RSPCA WA (Inc)

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Dear Members of the Committee

Hon. Ricky John Mazza MLC
Hon. Paul John Brown MLC
Hon. Nigel Charles Hallett MLC
Hon. Lynn Ellen MacLaren MLC
Hon. Dr Sally Elizabeth Talbot MLC

I am rather shaken at the turn of events that has pre-empted this inquiry into such a vital service as the RSPCA. It is incumbent on any responsible society to protect the well-being of the defenceless, including the care and protection of its animals. I also query the impartiality of the chairman, Mr Mazza, as a parliamentary representative of the Shooters and Fishers Party, whose policy supports the recreational slaughter of animals for the thrill of the event. Mr Mazza's motion pre-empted this particular enquiry. I understand that the motivating factor were advertisements under the banner of the RSPCA that differentiated between a dead animal and a cup sporting trophy. I am sure that this was not funded through a government source, which is extremely minimal.

The examples of cruelty on its website and circulated material of the RSPCA surely justify the need for inspectors and court action against some mindless and cruel examples of mistreatment of animals. Society has judged humans to be of superior intellect, so like children, animals can only rely on the responsible attitude that we adopt to ensure they have a place in our society. A just society has respect for all creatures.

As a member of the Board of the then Lotteries Commission of WA, under the stewardship of the CEO, Mrs Jan Stewart and chairmanship of Mr Lloyd Stewart (not related) for 6 years, we provided a one off grant for the development of the Malaga animal establishment. Please believe that we pursued an extensive overview before approving that grant.

I am happy to appear before the Committee, but have no professional expertise to add to its deliberations. However, I can claim to represent a sizeable number of the population who, like me, are meat and fish eaters but are keen, and many committed, to ensure that we live up to our obligations as a responsible, caring and humane society, proud to be Aussies and West Aussies at that.

Please bear these comments in mind in your deliberations. Your response is very important in fabric of Western Australian culture.

Yours sincerely

Anne Griffiths