

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

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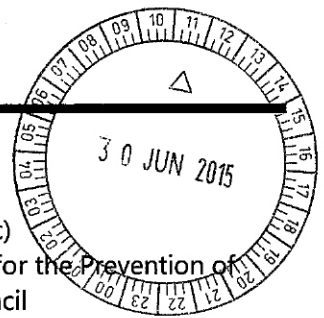
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Select Committee into the Operations of The Royal Society for the Prevention of
Cruelty to Animals Western Australia (Inc) - Legislative Council



Dear Sir

I am writing to support the RSPCA in this enquiry. I have no connection with the organisation other than to occasionally give them a donation.

Whilst I appreciate the irony of the RSPCA being subject to a kangaroo court, I do not believe the fox should be put in charge of the hen house. It is not appropriate to have the (presumably ?) only member of the Shooters and Fishers Party to chair an enquiry of this nature. It is clear to anybody with an open mind that the RSPCA has always done an excellent job and continues to do so.

Government Funding

The RSPCA only receives about 6% of its funding from government and this funding has my full support. In fact you could do worse than to increase it by an amount equivalent to the cost of this enquiry. I hope you do not use this enquiry as an excuse to attempt to reduce or cease government funding to the society.

RSPCA Objective

No decent person objects to measures to stop cruelty to animals. There were never any objections to RSPCA activities before they commenced encouraging public support to eliminate cruelty in the live sheep trade, poultry and egg production and recreational hunting. The rural bias in your committee makes it patently obvious that these are the activities you are seeking to draw attention to. I come from a farming family and have no wish to send the agricultural sector broke but I'm sure you are well aware that the UK and NZ amongst others ditched the live sheep export trade years ago and found suitable alternatives. Similarly, recreational hunting is an antiquated and discredited pastime. I hope you do not use this enquiry to attempt to stop the RSPCA from seeking public support against cruelty to animals whether or not commercial activities are involved.

Use of its powers

I have no reason to believe the RSPCA has too much power or has misused its powers. I hope you do not use this enquiry to attempt to limit the society's powers to house pets and the like. Cruelty is cruelty and if somebody is making money out of it it doesn't make it any better.

This is a private submission and I understand it is my right for my name and address to be kept confidential.

Yours faithfully