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

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I would like to question the validity of a select committee enquiring into the operations of the RSPCA when it is chaired by Hon. Ricky (Rick) John Mazza MLC of the **Shooters & Fishers Party**. How can a Member for the Shooters & Fishers Party **not** have a vested interest in discrediting the RSPCA? I feel his reason for putting forward the motion to appoint the Committee has more to do with the RSPCA advertisements against Animal Trophy Hunting than any concern over it's general operations.

Any Member of the Shooters & Fishers Party obviously has little concern for animal welfare when it supports shooting animals for fun. If the Hon. Ricky (Rick) John Mazza MLC believes all recreational hunters drop their prey with clean head or heart shots, which would be the only humane method, then he obviously is not clear thinking enough to chair a committee such as this!

I would like to point out that I have no connection or affiliation with the RSPCA WA other than making annual donations. I believe the RSPCA WA does a fantastic job in difficult circumstances & should receive much more government funding than it currently does.

A wealthy country like Australia should do as much as possible to ensure that the welfare of it's animals is maintained at the highest standards. I feel that the advertisements placed by the RSPCA WA in the newspaper were justified & appropriate & I am happy for my donations to be used in this way! I feel raising public awareness into animal welfare, rights & abuses is an important part of their role.

I wish my name & address to remain confidential.

Yours faithfully