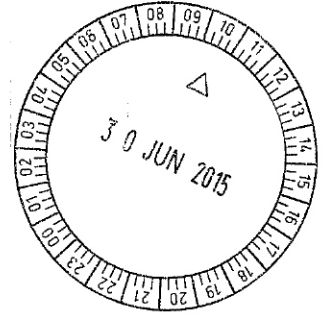


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Select Committee on RSPCA
Parliament House
Harvest Terrace
Perth 6000

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you about the RSPCA which provides a valuable service in promoting and upholding animal welfare in Western Australia .

I understand that Rick Mazza, a member of the Shooters and Fishers Party , put forward the motion to appoint the Committee after joining Parliament in 2013. Clearly, Mr Mazza has an agenda in putting forward this motion! He feels Shooters and Fishers are "badly" treated in WA "where it's very hard to find anywhere to fish. Shooting and other outdoor activities are also heavily restricted and the only way we are going to correct this ridiculous situation is through political action." The only thing ridiculous is that Mr Mazza chooses to waste taxpayers money on an investigation into a society which is widely respected and supported in WA. I understand that the Shooters and Fishers Party also wants the ability to be able to hunt in National Parks, as is the case in the Eastern States. This should never be allowed on the grounds of safety alone.

We need an independent and active approach to animal welfare in WA. I can only hope that the Committee sees common sense and allows the RSPCA to continue its valuable role in advocating for animals that do not have a voice.

Yours Faithfully

T Atkinson