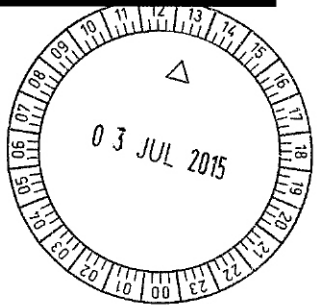


## Select Committee into the Operations of the RSPCA WA (Inc)

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Friday, 3 July 2015 1:13 PM  
**To:** Select Committee into the Operations of the RSPCA WA (Inc)  
**Subject:** Re: Submission regarding inquiry into RSPCA WA operations



Hello,

I am contacting you in regards to the inquiry into RSPCA Western Australia's operations.

As a passionate advocate for animal rights, I have always seen the role of the RSPCA to be a vital one. Because they are independent, they are able to fill that gap where government policy/legislation is lacking or deficient.

The core values of the RSPCA are good, to defend and protect the rights and interests of sentient beings. In my opinion, because of the invaluable role that they play in our society, they should be getting as much support (including financial) from the government as possible.

In terms of their use of powers, I do not see them as exceeding or going beyond their powers. An example that may be used in the inquiry to 'prove' this so-called exceeding of their powers was the recent advertising campaign by the RSPCA WA in regards to the issue of allowing shooters into our national parks. This was seen by the Shooters and Fishers Party and other similar groups/individuals as an attack on them and their intentions. The RSPCA WA has every right to make their position known and to utilize print media to express this.

In regards to the RSPCA WA's overall objectives, I cannot see their being any problems. They are committed to animal welfare/protection and are willing to engage across the board on a whole variety of issues. Again, they are independent, so this provides the community with an organization that is not merely carrying out the wishes of the government. They are able to go beyond and to be more progressive when the government shows hesitancy on animal welfare issues. This is a very good thing.

In summary, I would like to say that the RSPCA WA is a vital organisation and as a member of the community, I do not want to see that be compromised in any way.

Kind regards

Wendy Dugmore