

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

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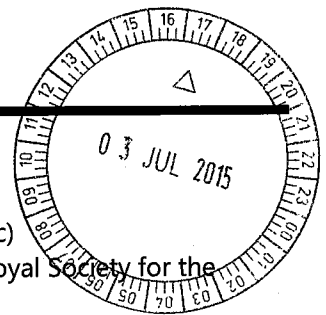
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Submission: Select Committee into the operations of The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Western Australia (Inc)



Honorable members of the committee,

I am concerned about the ulterior motives of the RSPCA. The RSPCA has been steadily digressing from their original vision, which should be the care for lost and stray animals and protection of animals against mistreatment and cruelty.

The RSPCA has been busying itself with political issues, including duck hunting and livestock trading. This should not be their main focus when there are plenty of animals locally that gets abused and needs their attention.

The recent media smear campaign against hunting in WA was a misguided effort to sway public opinion against a legal pastime. Using non-native animals in their campaign showed lack of knowledge and respect for the 'real' animal lovers. If the intent of the RSPCA is to change the current state laws (that are in line with the rest of Australia and the world), this certainly oversteps their charter. To achieve this goal, they are using public funding.

From the RSPCA charter, I would also like to refer you to point 9:

Native animals and birds should be maintained safely in their natural environment and should be free from hunting, trapping and captivity. Culling may occur, but only when proven necessary for the preservation and benefit of the species. Culling must only be carried out under proper supervision and control.

It is unclear how the RSPCA plan to achieve this ideal, which contradicts the laws of our state, without spending money and effort on a political and ideological goal.

If the recent ad campaign attack on hunting is any indication as to how the current leadership of the RSPCA choose to spend taxpayer's money in future, I have to respectfully request that you consider intervening in the running of this organisation or reduce their funding.

Kind regards

Tobie Deale