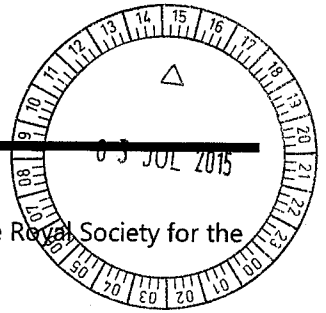


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To: selra@parliament.wa.gov.au
Subject: Submission on Select Committee into the operations of The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Western Australia (Inc)

Dear Sir/Madam

I am a pet owner and a financial supporter of the RSPCA.
I further believe their role is essential to a modern and civilized society and that they are doing a good job.

I write in response to two of the select committee's terms of reference:

1. Its objective

The RSPCA's vision is for all animals to be accepted as sentient beings treated with dignity, compassion and respect.

How can there be anything negative or underhand construed in this mission?

Someone or thing needs to stand up for the least defensive members of society, which includes animals.

If not the RSPA then who? In this sense they are like Lord Shaftesbury standing up for the rights of slaves in the UK in the nineteenth century.

It is well known that cruelty to animals is increasing at a rate beyond the increase in population growth.

The measure of a civilised society is how well its weakest members are treated.

2. The use of its powers

Why shouldn't an organisation like the RSPCA be involved in exposing horrific incidences of unnecessary animal mistreatment and cruelty such as live animal export, battery hens, pork production, and greyhound baiting? Consumers at the end of the food supply chain want to know where their food comes from and whether it was produced with care for the inputs, and in accordance with Australian legislation.

Animals are sentient beings like us. Fortunately this is being increasingly realised and hence provides increased relevance for the RSPCA's mission.

I commend for the Committee's reading number 45 of the **Quarterly Essay** by Anna Krien titled "**Us and Them: On the Importance of Animals**". Copy attached for reference.

Please contact me if you require further information on my submission.

Signed:

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