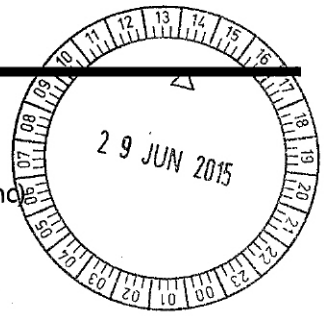


Select Committee into the Operations of the RSPCA WA (Inc)

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I am a concerned member of the public who has been following the debate and advertisments in the press regarding the RSPCA.

I am also concerned that the Chairman of this select committee, the Hon Rick Mazza MLC, represents a minority political group which has most to gain by discrediting the RSPCA to further the aims of the Shooters and Fishers Party in supporting the introduction of "recreational shooting"
- whatever that is - in our national Parks.

The RSPCA charter states that there should be minimum standards of treatment and husbandry for all animals, and that no animal should be used for production of food or fibre or farming practice which may cause suffering, injury or distress .

Also that native animals and birds should be maintained in their natural environment.

No right thinking person could possibly disagree with these aims.

The RSPCA has the unenviable job of dealing with and prosecuting cases of animal cruelty. Unfortunately this will lead to some groups and organisations accusing the RSPCA of operating outside their charter.

Cases of extreme cruelty in the greyhound racing industry, the live export trade and elements of factory farming have been exposed by other animal rights groups and have outraged the Australian public.

By following up and prosecuting cases of animal cruelty the RSPCA is doing the job which the public expects them to do.

This is a reputable and trustworthy organisation which deserves credit for a difficult job.

Educational and community projects run by the RSPCA raise awareness of animal welfare issues. As I understand it, some funding is provided by the Government, but most comes from public donations.

I am just an ordinary member of the public who has had companion animals all my life. In the few cases where I have had to report cases of animal mistreatment I have found the RSPCA to be sensitive in dealing with the issue but always having the interests of animals - who rely on us for care - as their primary objective.

I hope that this committee will put aside the political agenda of a minority group when investigating the RSPCA

Yours sincerely Wendy Alford