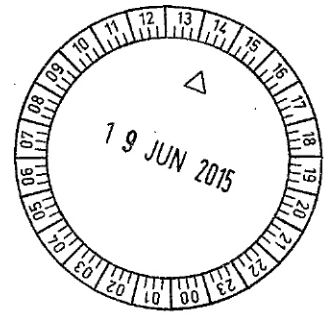


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To Whom it May Concern

For many years I have been a supporter both in conscience and, in more recent years, a financial supporter of the RSPCA. Given that over 90% of the funding for the operation of the organisation comes from donations, and the remainder out of the public purse, it's hard to believe the Government of WA has the authority to threaten the structure and management of this group. Indeed, it seems to me that the RSPCA is doing the work that should rightly be 100% financed by the public.

It is only natural that those from the pastoral and farming background might feel concerned by the work of the RSPCA, and I do appreciate that many living and working in the city do not understand the operations of farming; I come from a family of wheat/sheep farmers with a father that was always conscious of looking after the livestock and avoiding the painful execution of any for what ever reason, shooting lambs that had been attacked by foxes, putting down sheep suffering from cancer, ensuring all livestock were well watered and fed. He never had concerns with the operations of the RSPCA, and nor have I heard of any major concerns from family still involved in that industry.

It is hard to believe that Mr Rick Mazza MLC, a member of the Shooters and Fishers Party, could be deemed sufficiently bi-partisan to play a role in investigating the work of the RSPCA. I for one will be highly suspicious of the report and recommendations.

I'm hopeful that the RSPCA will continue to do its very important work for the welfare of animals in Western Australia, without the undue influence of parliamentarians with very clear, partisan agenda.

Yours sincerely

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