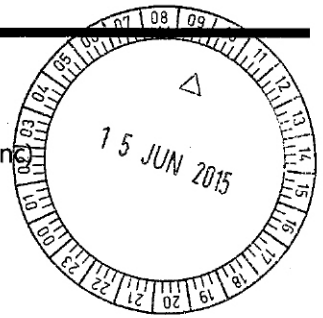


Select Committee into the Operations of the RSPCA WA (Inc)

From: Philip Philpott
Sent: Monday, 15 June 2015 9:36 AM
To: Select Committee into the Operations of the RSPCA WA (Inc)
Cc:
Subject: Select committee into the operations of the RSPCA



Dear Sirs

As a rural land owner and sporting shooter I am concerned about the level of miss-information that is being used in the campaign against sporting shooters and hunters. Sporting shooters are portrayed as Red Neck hooligans rampaging through the bush indiscriminately discharging firearms maiming animals and putting the general public at risk, for the vast majoring of shooters nothing is more removed from the truth. I agree that there is always a minority that presents a bad image but classing all sporting shooters and hunters as savages is like calling all Holden HSV owners bogans.

As a sporting shooter I do not advertise my participation in the sport as this could make me a target for a home break in or verbal abuse from ill informed animal activists.

I shoot because I believe in land management and very conscious of the damage introduced Vermin do to Australia's natural fauna. Generally I am invited to farms to assist with the eradication of wild dogs and foxes. As much time is spent profiling the property as is spent working the gun. This is essential to ensure the safety of live stock and people. I believe in the clean dispatch of any animal, if there is no clear shot there is no shot, I would not risk causing an animal any unnecessary prolonged pain, I look for a clean kill and quick despatch. One of the biggest risks to Australia's Flora and fauna is the infestation of camels in the central deserts. No doubt it will be shooters supporting conservation who will tackle this issue. With many vermin, cats in particular, they will not take baits therefore to most efficient method of control is by gun. I would also consider that shooting in a more humane end than baiting. Shooting in national parks needs control but does present an opportunity of maintaining the health of our ecological systems.

I would be happy to provide more information on my experience and point of view and would invite you to contact me .

Kind regards

Phil Philpott |