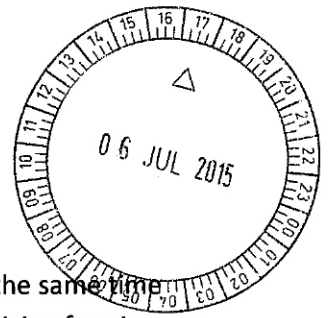


To Whom It May Concern



My name is Ian Harrison T/A Foxtail Holdings P/L.. and have been Farming, and at the same time Contractor to the rural Industry , owned and operated a seed cleaning business servicing farming .

While farming stock has been a very important part of my core business, I would like you to consider my submission for the inquiry as I have deep concerns about the future of the livestock and farming industries should the RSCPA remain in its current state.

I feel that there is a deep conflict between the RSPCA and the farming and livestock community where ever it is operating in our state. Such conflict is nothing new and has been present for some time, however I feel that the objectives of the RSPCA are becoming more radicalised and the use of their powers against livestock owners have gotten aggressive to the point of absurdity, causing Suisides, to some owners of our stock Industry's including Transport operators, store owners that service the stock industry, all having no income to service debt, .

The RSPCA has publicly stated positions and highly active campaigns against some animal industries, however they are also in charge of policing those industries that they are campaigning against. This is a clear conflict of interest and cannot be tolerated.

I am concerned that, as the make up of the RSPCA becomes more and more fanatical, policies and prosecutions will be heading into the same direction. This has already been shown in cases that have been published in papers recently.

Without supervision and accountability the RSPCA has been given a free hand and is holding the agricultural community and community at large to ransom. Decisions are being made that are popular with their donators not ones that are backed by real evidence.

The RSPCA's position as a prosecuting power should cease to exist and animal welfare matters for livestock should be policed and handled by an organisation without an agenda, eg DAFWA.

We would not outsource sections of the police to private organisations that publicly campaign against the industries they are meant to be policing. This framework together with the high prosecuting powers given to the RSPCA is leaving the farmers and pet owners alike exposed to a great deal and it concerns me deeply that we are at the mercy of a radical organisation such as the RSPCA.

If any further information is required please don't hesitate to contact me with the details below

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