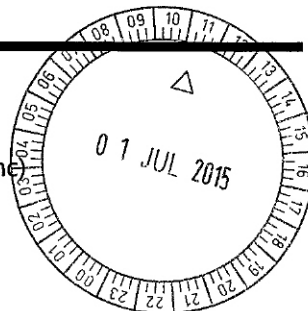


Select Committee into the Operations of the RSPCA WA (Inc)

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To: Select Committee into the Operations of the RSPCA WA (Inc)
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Dear Committee Members

I would not like to see the powers of the RSPCA WA restricted, namely its power to prosecute offenders in cases of cruelty to animals. If this is removed or limited, then, it seems to me, there would be not only a greater incidence of cases, but the lack of or no prosecutions would mean no publicity or public awareness of abuses of animals.

It is therefore necessary that the RSPCA WA continues to receive government funding. There is no other body with the powers to investigate cases of ill-treatment, wherever they should occur.

The educational objectives of RSPCA WA need to be supported. It cares for thousands of abandoned or ill-treated cats and dogs each year and without the ability to raise public awareness the problem would be far worse.

I think it is appalling that the issue of animal welfare has become a political issue for some.

Yours sincerely

Jennifer Hole