



July 6<sup>th</sup> 2015

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like my name to remain confidential. Thank you.

I would like you to consider my submission for the inquiry as I have had past dealings with the RSPCA which have left me concerned about the purpose and objectives of this organisation.

This incident happened more than 5 years ago.

I called the RSPCA about someone's horses in Shark Bay which were starving and fed on old bread. They were also still being ridden despite being severely underweight. When I called the RSPCA they said there was nothing they could do. The reason probably is that the person responsible for the horses was also the RSPCA representative in Shark Bay.

Someone else called the RSPCA for the same person leaving chickens and goats and sheep unattended or cared for at the Common in Shark Bay and again they were told the RSPCA could not step in.

I support the RSPCA for the 'good' they do for animals, however they seem to go overboard when animals are not being mistreated (e.g. when they live without shelter) but do nothing in clear cases of animal cruelty. I feel that something is no longer correct, when the person setting the policy also does the prosecution. There must be a 'control' somewhere, where a different organisation looks to see if the policy is fair and if there has been a misuse, and they can set up the prosecution, as a third person.

I am also particularly concerned about the objectives of the RSPCA.

Prosecuting animal owners for not having shelters seems very radical to me when we could be focusing on bigger animal welfare problems in our state.

It is absurd to prosecute people for not having shelter when there are hundreds of animals living happily without shelter in our state.

If the RSPCA is demanding shelter for every single animal in this state, does this mean that on a property of 330 000 acres we will need to make sure there are enough huts and sheds for the few thousand goats and sheep we have?

Some common sense needs to come back into our lives.

Thank you for the opportunity to have my say in this inquiry.

Kind Regards,