

The Secretary, Economy and Infrastructure Committee
Parliament House, Spring Street
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002
RSPCA SUBMISSION/28.2.2017

Dears,

I would like to voice my concerns in regards to how the path of the RSPCA and its actions or rather inactions are perceived in recent years.

RSPCA have on many occasions appeared to refuse or want to arrive/turn up and inspect any local seemingly small case cruelty to animals' reports at all.
Much of their time appears to be supporting the views of vegan and anti animal ownership activists.

The core reason and duties of the RSPCA charter is of RESCUE, REHABILITATE and REHOME animals in need. This is the practice that they (RSPCA) should return to; it is the original reason for their existence.

This does not appear to be happening as we have seen in many instances.
One being the recent neglect of many starving horses at the Bulla (VIC) property, many complaints had been given to RSPCA and not acted upon until the circumstances appeared to be news worthy, and included the activists having their say on animal ownership and racing views, this flaw of RSPCA has resulted in a currently less than favorable impression by much of our community of the previously much respected organisation.

The community expectations of this organisation is that they attend and show concern for all animals, no matter how many involved or how small, and not just attend premises that may have a news worthy aspect, animal welfare must be the priority.
It was once one of their advertising campaigns' – All Creatures Great & Small. Well they certainly have not lived up to that expectation.

The long term plans for RSPCA appears to be one more like a controller or limiter of pets, including the supply of rescue dogs and maybe even pure breeds in the future.

Animal activists should not be the ruling influence for the overall and long term health and wellbeing of our animals, animal sports, breeding or agricultural farming.
Combined evidence based information and planning & development for the future with all relevant stake holders involved is needed if the RSPCA are to return to the respected organisation it was designed to be.

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