

**Sent:** Tuesday, 31 January 2017 10:46 PM  
**To:** RSPCA Victoria Inquiry  
**Subject:** From Regional Land holders

**Importance:** High

Dear Team,

As significant landowners in regional Victoria, we demand you provide RSPCA with more funding and more power to do what everyone wants them to do; prevent cruelty.

We were disgusted, shooters groups were successful earlier this year in getting rspca banned from the lakes where native waterbirds were getting massacred, hence effectively preventing rspca from being able to do what people expect them to do - prevent cruelty!!!

RSPCA get a measly amount from government.

Further, they are hamstrung by a rediculously restrictive Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act (POCTA), which has so many exceptions it may as well not exist.

- Wildlife are not protected by POCTA.
- Animals unfortunate enough to be labelled "pest", are not protected by POCTA. Bunnies are dismembered and buried alive in the common practise of "ripping", or given poisons which slowly eat away their insides.
- Native waterbirds are not protected by POCTA between March and June - when kids as young as 12yo are allowed to blast the crap out of their wings, bills and bodies - often not killing them but ensuring they suffer a slow painful death.
- Farm animals (eg sheep and pigs) are not protected by POCTA.
- Research lab animals are not protected by POCTA.

Hence cruelty continues on a grand scale.

POCTA is a joke and the Victorian Government appears to not care about animal welfare at all.

Our submission is a request for you to fund them more significantly, affording more inspectors and total and immediate powers to stop any cruelty including by way of holding "spot checks" of farms, abbatoirs and homes.

No exceptions should exist within POCTA; cruelty is cruelty. An animals is an animal.

Our only criticism of rspca - they should be mandated to spend 95% all funds on preventing cruelty to animals - not on new office buildings.

Thank you