

22 March 2016

Hon. Rick Mazza MLC  
Chairman, Select Committee into the Operations of RSPCA WA  
Parliament House  
GPO Box A11  
PERTH WA 6837

By email: [selra@parliament.wa.gov.au](mailto:selra@parliament.wa.gov.au)

Dear Mr Mazza

**Select Committee into the Operations of the RSPCA WA - tabling date**

I refer to our discussions on 21 March 2016 and your letter of the same date, in which you advised that the Select Committee into the Operations of RSPCA WA (Committee) will be seeking that the Legislative Council extend the Committee's tabling date from 6 April 2016 to a date during a sitting week in May 2016. The Committee has sought RSPCA WA's response to the proposed course of action.

RSPCA WA has previously expressed its concerns to the Committee in relation to the significant impost on the Society's resources as a result of the Inquiry. Therefore, I am disappointed with the prospect of the Inquiry being extended, for a second time, by at least an additional four weeks.

I understand that one of the purposes of the extension is to ensure RSPCA WA is provided with any adverse allegations that are being relied upon by the Committee and then given an opportunity to respond, in accordance with procedural fairness. RSPCA WA has requested procedural fairness in relation to adverse allegations that are to be relied upon by the Committee since its initial Submission dated 1 July 2015 (page 6), with the request being reiterated by President Lynne Bradshaw at the hearing on 23 November 2015 (transcript, page 2). No such material has been specifically provided to RSPCA WA for this purpose to date. Therefore, I would hope that any such material could be provided to RSPCA WA shortly and a reasonable opportunity given to respond within the current reporting timeframe of 6 April 2016.

RSPCA WA will have the additional material it is seeking to submit before the Committee very shortly. It includes our response to further submissions by the Department of Agriculture and Food, WA which were lodged in response to a Committee request of 24 February 2016. RSPCA WA only became aware of these submissions from a perusal of the Committee webpage on 15 March 2016.

I confirm your advice to me that the Committee will not be seeking further evidence apart from the final matters being submitted by RSPCA WA and to allow procedural fairness to be accorded.

The Royal Society  
for the Prevention of  
Cruelty to Animals  
Western Australia Inc.

ABN 77 620 418 137

108 Malaga Drive  
(Cnr Reid Highway)  
Malaga WA 6090

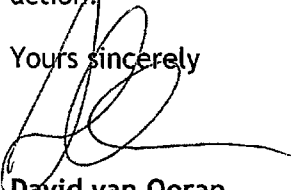
P 08 9209 9300  
F 08 9248 3144  
E [rspca@rspcawa.asn.au](mailto:rspca@rspcawa.asn.au)  
W [rspcawa.asn.au](http://rspcawa.asn.au)

PO Box 3147  
Malaga WA 6945



In these circumstances, RSPCA WA neither consents to nor opposes the proposed course of action.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'David van Ooran', written over the words 'Yours sincerely'.

**David van Ooran**  
**Chief Executive Officer**