

**Dickinson, Dawn**

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**From:** Spasich, James  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 23 March 2010 3:10 PM  
**To:** Dickinson, Dawn  
**Subject:** REVIEW OF THE OPERATIONS OF RAWWA

Hello Dawn,  
As discussed on the telephone a few minutes ago, i wish to in someway contribute to the findings and recommendations of your committee.  
I have previously written an approximately 7 page letter to Mr Richard Burt approximately 2 years ago which he appeared to be very grateful to receive and was going to "make things happen"... To this day, i don't believe any of my recommendations were introduced or corrections made to the system.

Again, in pure frustration, i took the trouble of contacting Mr Burt and he advised it would be a good idea for meet to chat with and possible meet with Mr Alister Shennen, General Manager of Wagering.  
I took the time to meet with Mr Sheenen at the offices of RWWA and highlighted some very good reasons why i am being given not much choice other than to make the majority of my investments with Tabracing Victoria.  
This is a real shame as being an owner of greyhounds in WA myself, I feel like I am not supporting my own product and as a result of my actions and the actions of a lot more lovers of the racing chasing and pacing codes stake money has decreased in greyhounds and I now hear that a stake for 4th is about to be abolished!

Without going into grass roots level at this stage, I refer you to point 2(a) of the Terms of Reference of this inquiry and advise that it is my opinion that I can support that RWWA is NOT currently operating anywhere near as effective as it could be or should be.

My major concerns revolve around the fact that as an Accountant, I clearly understand that the bottom line or can I call it the effectiveness of any organisation including RAWWA is measured by net bottom line performance against set targets.

My large concern is that the executive of RAWWA are running the business and trying to improve the bottom line purely by cost cutting and have not at all taken any visual steps to INCREASE REVENUE.

Both sides of the coin must be questioned and improved in order to improve the overall performance of the business.

It very much disappoints me to admit that my turnover of approximately \$150-\$200K PA is being directed to the benefit of the Victorian counterpart of our RAWWA....and nobody seems to care!

I look forward to further assisting your inquiry.

Thankyou for your time

Regards,  
Mr James S Spasich