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The Hon Liz Behjat MLC  
Chairman  
Standing Committee on Public Administration  
Parliament House  
Perth WA 6000

For the attention of Lauren Mesiti, Committee Clerk  
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Dear Chairman

### Inquiry into Pastoral Leases in Western Australia

RSPCA WA would like to thank the Committee for the opportunity to comment on the changes to pastoral leases. The only clause that we wish to highlight is Section 11.2:

- (a) The parties agree that, in addition to any other ground for termination at law, and subject to section 81(1) of the *Property Law Act 1969*, if it applies, this Lease may be terminated by the Lessor:
  - (iii) immediately if any rights are exercised or if any action is commenced or taken under the *Animal Welfare Act 2002* concerning animals on the land or in the care of the Lessee.

RSPCA WA strongly supports the introduction of this clause to uphold the *Animal Welfare Act 2002*. It is important that the Act is upheld in all parts of the state, and for all animals to be covered by the Act, including farmed animals. The introduction of new legislation such as the Land Transport Standards will clearly define what are acceptable practices and this clause will provide additional incentive to comply with all aspects of the Act.

One again, thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely



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