



Inquiry into the RSPCA raid on the Waterways Wildlife Park

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. That General Purpose Committee No 5 inquire into and report on matters associated with the RSPCA raid on the Waterways Wildlife Park, Gunnedah, on 3 February 2010 and in particular:
 - a) the actions and investigations undertaken by the RSPCA prior to the investigation to assess the welfare of the animals at the Waterways Wildlife Park,
 - b) protocols adopted by the RSPCA with respect to investigations and prosecutions and whether those protocols were adhered to,
 - c) the criteria used by the RSPCA to determine that the removal of the animals should be undertaken,
 - d) the actions of the Department of Industry and Investment with respect to the licensing of the Waterways Wildlife Park, and
 - e) the involvement of the television program “Animal Rescue” at the Waterways Wildlife Park.
2. That the committee report by 9 September 2010.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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