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## **INQUIRY INTO THE RSPCA RAID ON THE WATERWAYS WILDLIFE PARK**

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# Premier & Cabinet

Mr Ian Cohen MLC  
Committee Chairman  
General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5  
Parliament House  
Macquarie Street  
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Mr Cohen

I write concerning the NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into the matters associated with the actions of the RSPCA at the Waterways Wildlife Park, Gunnedah on 3 February 2010.

The Waterways Wildlife Park is required to be licensed under the *Exhibited Animals Protection Act 1986*, and is subject to inspection of its premises for compliance with the standards set out in the Act. The Friends of Waterways Wildlife Park is licensed under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* to undertake rehabilitation and eventual release of sick, injured and orphaned animals at the Waterways Wildlife Park.

As the licensing status of the Waterways Wildlife Park is currently subject to consideration the NSW Government is not in a position at this time to provide input to the Committee, as it could be construed as unfairly and improperly influencing the licensing investigations that are being undertaken.

When these matters have been finalised the NSW Government would welcome the opportunity to provide the Committee with input and to clarify relevant issues that may arise in the course of the Committee's inquiry.

Yours sincerely

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Director General