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## **INQUIRY INTO POUNDS IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission on the important issue of animal welfare in NSW. It is obvious that rescues are overwhelmed and some councils are not even attempting to work with animal rescue and the general public in efforts to rehoming stray, abandoned, or relinquished pets. Also a large amount of money is made by RSPCA who, it appears, are less than transparent in dealings with the public and with rescues also. The RSPCA need to be held accountable and councils need to co-operate with rescues run by overworked, unpaid, volunteer staff. I truly cannot express strongly enough how disgraceful the system is and it continues to worsen. Complaints regarding the RSPCA should be openly investigated - some transparency please. There are a number of unpaid volunteers also working for this organisation, however the basic principles of care no longer appear to be adhered to by the RSPCA, and their horrific number of killed animals is extremely disturbing, when compared with animals saved - totally unacceptable. Please ensure that there is true oversight on councils and RSPCA, and please know I am aware of some wonderful councils where there is a great rapport with rescuers, in an effort to locate loving homes for pets. There are still a number of councils that adopt a very poor attitude and lack/absence of transparency in this issue