

Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO 2025 INQUIRY INTO THE OPERATION OF
THE APPROVED CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS UNDER
THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS ACT 1979**

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I have been very concerned for some time that the RSPCA in NSW (can't speak for other Australian States). When approached about pets and wildlife being wilfully neglected or badly treated by members of the general public (for example using home made glue traps or tethering wild birds by one leg in their yard) they have shown no real degree of concern or taken action even when given proper details of the cases. However, they appear to relish the opportunity to raid, remove animals and prosecute others who absolutely do not deserve such appalling treatment.

Aggressive behaviour and punitive action seems to have become their default setting. I used to hold the RSPCA in high regard, but not any more and I am definitely not alone in this view. I would welcome any review which would implement a higher standard of determination about any such actions, and instead see a commitment to working with anyone they think might need help or support before resorting to such draconian measures.