



PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA
Standing Committee on Economy and Infrastructure

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RSPCA inquiry seeks community input

The parliamentary inquiry into RSPCA Victoria's funding and use of powers has commenced with an invitation for the community to make public submissions to the inquiry.

"The Economy and Infrastructure Committee is keen to hear from community members and organisations with information to put before the inquiry," said Committee Chair Joshua Morris.

"Our terms of reference enable us to conduct a detailed investigation about the way in which RSPCA Victoria exercises its powers and uses its funds," he said.

"It's important for the Committee to hear from people and organisations from across Victoria with views and experience on these matters."

The inquiry will consider the appropriateness of the RSPCA's powers under the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986* and how those powers have been used.

The Committee will also investigate the appropriateness and use of funding provided by the Victorian Government, as well as any other consequential matters the Committee may deem appropriate.

"This inquiry is an important opportunity for community members to raise any issues about RSPCA Victoria's operations," Mr Morris said.

"It will be a comprehensive and timely inquiry, conducted by a Committee that has members from a range of political parties working together to make recommendations to the Victorian Parliament later this year."

Public submissions are welcome until Monday, 6 March 2017.

Public hearings will then be conducted.

More details on the inquiry, including the terms of reference, are available from the Committee's [website](#).

Media comment

For media comment, contact the Committee Chair, Joshua Morris MP on 5332 9443

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