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2	Animal Cruelty Hotline (see also 12, 14, 15, 19 and 28)	RSPCA Victoria's Inspectorate provides no weekend or regional coverage.	RSPCA Victoria's Inspectorate has an on-call system which ensures that at least one Inspector is rostered to respond to serious cruelty cases at all times. The Inspectorate structure includes four regional teams (eastern, southern, north-western and northern) that together cover the whole state.
5	Peter Holt	Suggestion that RSPCA Victoria can set legislation.	All animal welfare legislation is developed by the State Government and passed into law by Parliament.
18	Maitland Lawyers	"RSPCA Victoria officers have seized animals which do not fit the description of animals that may be seized pursuant to a warrant issued under section 24G of POCTAA... animals that are distressed, abandoned or disabled, but rather RSPCA Victoria officers have seized all animals regardless of condition and they have refused to return the animals."	The matters listed by Mr Maitland authorising actions under POCTAA omit section 24G, sub-section (b) which provides a subjective power on POCTAA authorised officers to seize an animal "the welfare of which the inspector believes on reasonable grounds is at risk".
29	Michelle Farrell	.Dogs and cats are euthanased without proper assessment.	All dogs and cats are cared for in compliance with the Victorian Code of Practice for the management of dogs and cats in shelters and pounds. All animals are assessed by vets and other relevant staff who will determine whether or not euthanasia is required.
36	Darren Wooster (see also 37 & 49)	RSPCA Victoria has lost large pound contracts due to high kill rates.	RSPCA Victoria has not lost any pound contracts due to our euthanasia rates, which are comparable with or lower than other Victorian pounds.
36	Darren Wooster (see also 37 & 49)	RSPCA Victoria ignores the MOU with DEDJTR and gets involved in cases in the agriculture sector.	RSPCA Victoria only investigates cases in the agriculture sector as per the MOU with DEDJTR. This MOU requires RSPCA Victoria to investigate cruelty complaints relating to less than 10 livestock animals of one species or less than 50 poultry and where the keeping of livestock is not a significant or primary business of the person/organisation.
36	Darren Wooster (see also 37 & 49)	RSPCA Victoria Charter says no animal should be used in the production of food and fibre.	RSPCA Australia's charter states that 'no animal should be used for the production of food or fibre, either by farming practice, transportation, or method of slaughter which in any way may cause suffering, injury or distress. RSPCA supports the production of animals for food and fibre provided the animals aren't suffering.'
36	Darren Wooster (see also 37 & 49)	RSPCA Victoria has an enormous financial reserve.	RSPCA Victoria's balance sheet includes one significant asset: our Burwood Animal Care Centre, which accounts for more than 90% of our 'reserve'. Other, smaller assets include our Animal Care Centres at Wangaratta and Paredale, and our Animal Care Centre and our op shop in Castlemaine.
42	Pets Australia	POCTAA is the main Act governing pet businesses with some pet businesses additionally regulated under legally enforceable Codes.	The Domestic Animals Act is the main Act governing pet businesses. Codes of Practice made under the Domestic Animals Act are mandatory.
42	Pets Australia	Submission included RSPCA Australia mission statement, vision and objectives as well as outlining RSPCA Australia campaigns.	RSPCA Victoria's vision, purpose and objectives are different from those of RSPCA Australia, as are our campaigns.
42	Pets Australia	RSPCA Victoria is paid to enforce the Victorian Code for Breeding and Rearing Businesses under POCTAA, but is simultaneously lobbying for the elimination of breeding and rearing businesses.	RSPCA Victoria has limited powers to enforce the Victorian Code for the Operation of Breeding and Rearing Establishments, which is a compulsory code under the DAA. RSPCA Victoria is not lobbying for the elimination of breeding and rearing businesses, but is advocating for all businesses to comply with the Code.
42	Pets Australia	RSPCA Victoria is the agency responsible for enforcing the Pet Shop Code under POCTAA, which specifically allows the sale of livestock, while at the same time lobbying for removal of pets from pet shops.	Local government is responsible for enforcing the Pet Shop Code, which is a compulsory code under the DAA. This Code does not cover livestock but covers dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, mice, snakes, lizards, tortoises and frogs. RSPCA Victoria strongly supports a compulsory legislated registration and licensing system for all outlets selling pets including pet shops, breeders and markets to cover not only the way in which animals are kept and sold, but the way in which they are bred and supplied.
42	Pets Australia	RSPCA Victoria enforces standards for Victorian racing greyhounds under POCTAA, while lobbying for the removal of the industry.	RSPCA Victoria is not the primary agency responsible for enforcing the Victorian Code of Practice for the Operation of Greyhound Establishments made under DAA. RSPCA Victoria is not lobbying for the removal of the industry.
44	Animal Justice Party	Codes of practice exclude animals reared for food or wool, puppy farms, greyhounds and horses and animals used for experimentation and entertainment from animal welfare laws.	Codes for all of these activities can be found here: http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/animal-health-and-welfare/animal-welfare/animal-welfare-legislation/victorian-codes-of-practice-for-animal-welfare .
52	Banksia Park Puppies	RSPCA Victoria strongly opposes intensive breeding of animals, most notably puppies.	RSPCA Victoria does not oppose the intensive breeding of animals as long as suffering, injury or distress is not caused.
52	Banksia Park Puppies	RSPCA Victoria defines puppy factories as large-scale commercial businesses that mass produce all kinds of puppies for sale.	RSPCA Victoria defines a puppy factory as an intensive dog breeding facility that is operated under inadequate conditions that fail to meet the dogs' behavioural, social and/or physiological needs.
54	Field and Game Australia	RSPCA Victoria has responsibility for the enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act 2002.	RSPCA Victoria's Inspectorate has powers under POCTAA and the DAA. The Animal Welfare Act 2002 referred to here is a Western Australia Act.
54	Field and Game Australia	Five case studies were included in the submission.	Case study 3 was from NSW, case study 4 included a NSW example, case studies 4 & 5 were from the UK (nb: the submission included two case studies numbered 4).
54	Field and Game Australia	RSPCA Victoria is ignorant about the need for hunters as part of comprehensive game and pest management programs, despite the abundance of parliamentary and government inquiry reports and findings.	RSPCA Victoria believes that licensed hunters can be used for pest animal control as part of a government supervised management program with mandatory competency assessment for shooting accuracy.
59	National Greyhound Racing United	RSPCA Victoria campaigns against greyhound racing.	RSPCA Victoria does not campaign against greyhound racing.
59	National Greyhound Racing United	RSPCA Victoria euthanasia rates are high and greyhound euthanasia rates are low.	RSPCA Victoria euthanased 941 dogs in 15/16 - 9.7% of dogs admitted to its Animal Care Centres. By comparison, GRV reported that 3,012 greyhounds were euthanased in 15/16.
67	Victorian Farmers Federation	Prosecution success rate not provided in annual report.	RSPCA Victoria's prosecution success rate of more than 90% is reportno page 6 of the 2015/16 Annual Report.
67	Victorian Farmers Federation	RSPCA Victoria's Inspectorate has a role in regulating hunting and farming.	Under the terms of the MOU between RSPCA Victoria and DEDJTR, RSPCA Victoria has no enforcement powers over hunting or farming, and refers all cruelty reports to DELWP, Parks Victoria, the Game Management Authority or DEDJTR as appropriate. The MOU requires RSPCA Victoria to investigate cruelty complaints relating to less than 10 livestock animals of one species or less than 50 poultry and where the keeping of livestock is not a significant or primary business of the person/organisation.
72	State Sporting Shooters Association	RSPCA Victoria receives funding to oppose legal activities.	Government funding received by RSPCA Victoria is entirely expended on Inspectorate activities. Inspectorate activities are also heavily subsidised by RSPCA Victoria. All other RSPCA activities are paid for by bequests and community donations or operate on a fee for service basis.
72	State Sporting Shooters Association	Public funding is provided for RSPCA Victoria education programs.	Government funding received by RSPCA Victoria is entirely expended on Inspectorate activities. Inspectorate activities are also heavily subsidised by RSPCA Victoria. All other RSPCA activities are paid for by bequests and community donations or operate on a fee for service basis.
72	State Sporting Shooters Association	Remove RSPCA Victoria powers over hunting and farming.	Under the terms of the MOU between RSPCA Victoria and DEDJTR, RSPCA Victoria has no enforcement powers over hunting or farming, and refers all cruelty reports to DELWP, Parks Victoria, the Game Management Authority or DEDJTR as appropriate.
73	Dogs Victoria	Dogs Victoria could co-ordinate the fostering (and where appropriate, rehoming) of dogs that belong to a member, where that member is being investigated by a statutory authority and whereby the animals are subject to seizure.	This scenario would currently be unlawful under POCTAA.