

COALITION OF ANIMAL PROTECTORS

MEDIA RELEASE - ROSE COTTAGE VANDALISM

In an open letter to ACT Attorney General, Simon Corbell, the Coalition of Animal Protectors (CAP) has demanded immediate withdrawal and an unreserved apology for his recent allegation that kangaroo cull protestors cut fences at the Rose Cottage horse adjustment.

Spokesperson, Robyn Soxsmith has described the accusation as “absurd, outrageous, inflammatory and totally irresponsible”.

CAP formed last year as a voice for the group of individuals, some from animal protection groups, some just caring members of the public, who were spending cold night after cold night around the Canberra Nature Park on watch for the kangaroo shooters engaged by the ACT government.

Ms Soxsmith explains the group’s particular outrage at this latest accusation of vandalism.

“Every one of the people involved in this campaign is an animal lover who would do as much to protect a horse as we would a kangaroo. For Mr Corbell to suggest we would put horses at risk of injury or distress in some act of mindless vandalism goes well beyond the government’s usual lies and slurs on this issue.

“We are sick and tired of these unsubstantiated allegations of vandalism which we have been enduring since 2012. We are responsible, compassionate citizens. We do not deserve these attacks. Mr Corbell should immediately apologise.”

CAP are also writing to both the police and the Equestrian Association, assuring them of their unreserved cooperation in finding those responsible for the cruel and stupid vandalism at the horse paddocks, and in preventing further harm.

“We already have people out every night at Wanniasa Hills Reserve, protesting the shooting. From now on we will also be keeping a close watch on the horse paddocks as well, and reporting any suspicious activity to the police and the Equestrian Association,” Ms Soxsmith said.

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