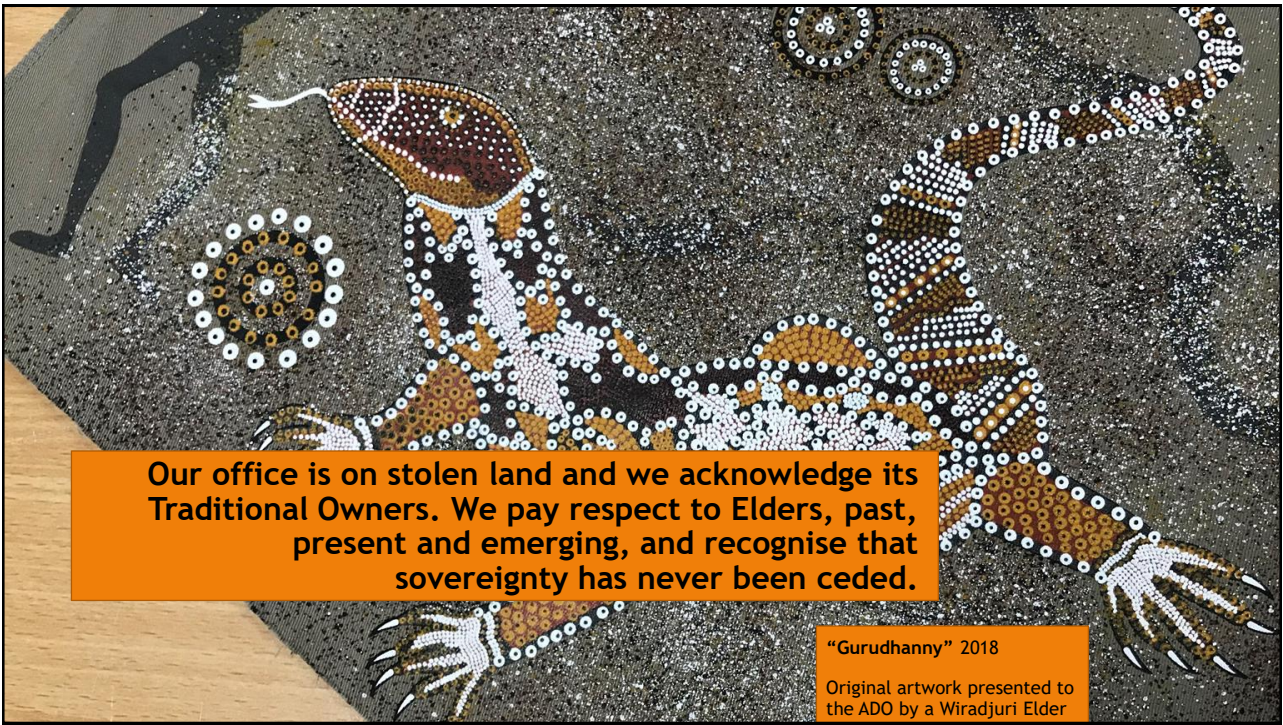


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Our office is on stolen land and we acknowledge its Traditional Owners. We pay respect to Elders, past, present and emerging, and recognise that sovereignty has never been ceded.

“Gurudhanny” 2018
Original artwork presented to the ADO by a Wiradjuri Elder

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ADO Goals



The objects for which the Animal Defenders Office is established are:

To empower and encourage the community to protect animals through the law.

To promote respect for the environment and the individual animals and species who depend on it for their survival and wellbeing.

To raise awareness within the community about legal aspects of the treatment and use of animals by humans.

To provide advice on the law affecting animals and those who protect them.

To carry out and publish research on animal protection and other related areas of law.

To seek appropriate law reform to improve the protection of animals and the ability of humans to make compassionate choices.

To promote public interest animal protection litigation and forms of alternative animal protection dispute resolution.

To promote links between the association and similar organisations in the ACT, interstate and overseas.

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Committee Report 2022



Section 73(1)(c), *Associations Incorporation Act 1991* (ACT) (“the Act”)

- The association was incorporated on 26 August 2013.
- The last financial year ended on 30 June 2022.
- This report lists some of the activities the association has undertaken during the most recently ended financial year, as well as other matters required under section 73(1)(c) of the Act.

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Principal activities of the ADO 2021-22



LEGAL WORK

- In 2021-22 ADO volunteers:
 - Received over 250 inquiries and requests for help
 - Provided 140 unique and complex legal advices
 - Opened 10 new ongoing legal cases

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ADO on the record in Courts & Tribunals in 2021-2022



NSW Court of Appeal



ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal



District Court of NSW



Picton Courthouse NSW

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Representation caseload – key matters 2021-22



Animal Law IN COURT

Veira v Police
Court of Appeal of New South Wales



*Should the defence of necessity apply to actions to **save a non-human animal** rather than a person?*

*For the purposes of the defence, **is a non-human animal a person?***

Last year the Supreme Court said **no**.

We say YES!

In memory of the Lakesland Hens

We won!

Tribunal appeal re impounded dog



Impounded for 1½ years

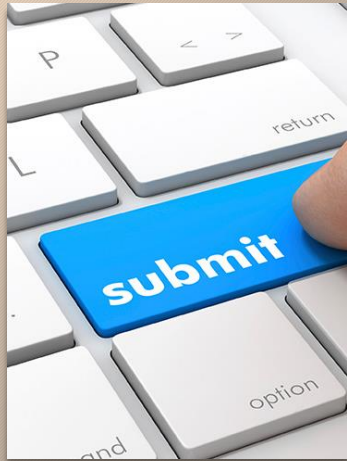
Oliver v Registrar, Domestic Animals Act 2000 (Appeal) [2021] ACAT 93 (28/09/2021)

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NOT-FOR-PROFITS WE HELPED IN 2021-2022

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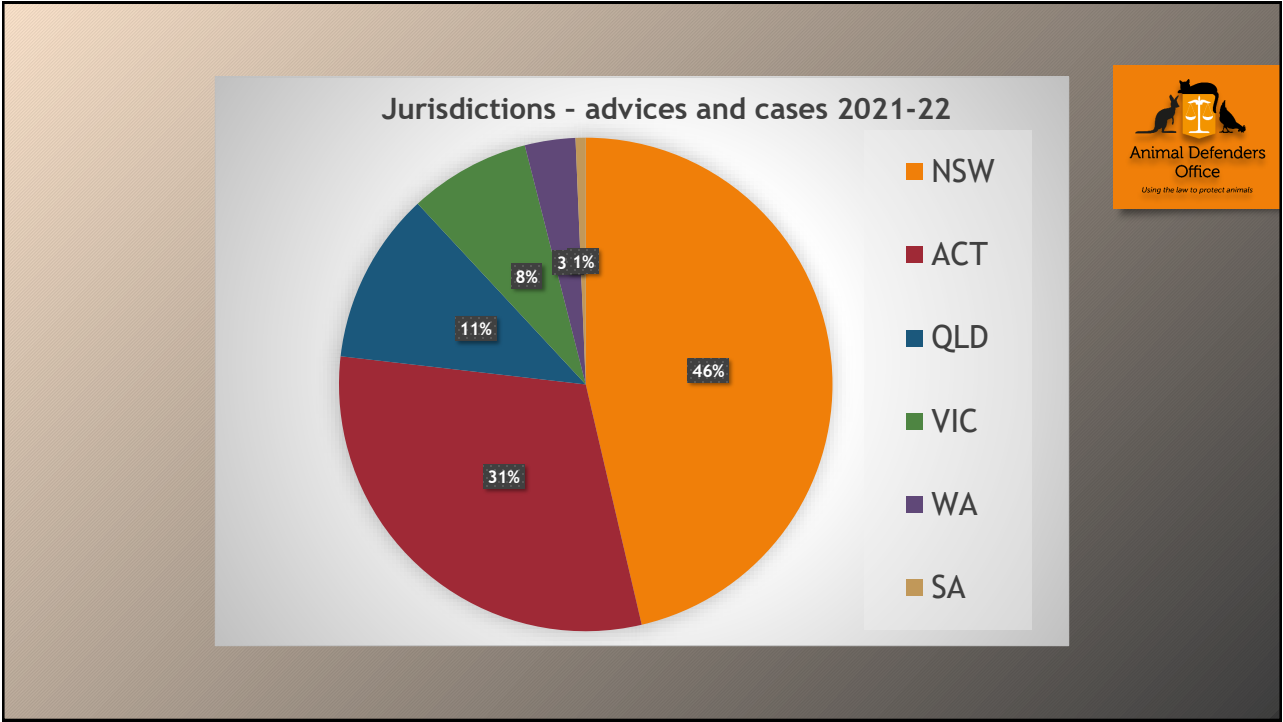
In 2021-22 the ADO made written submissions to:



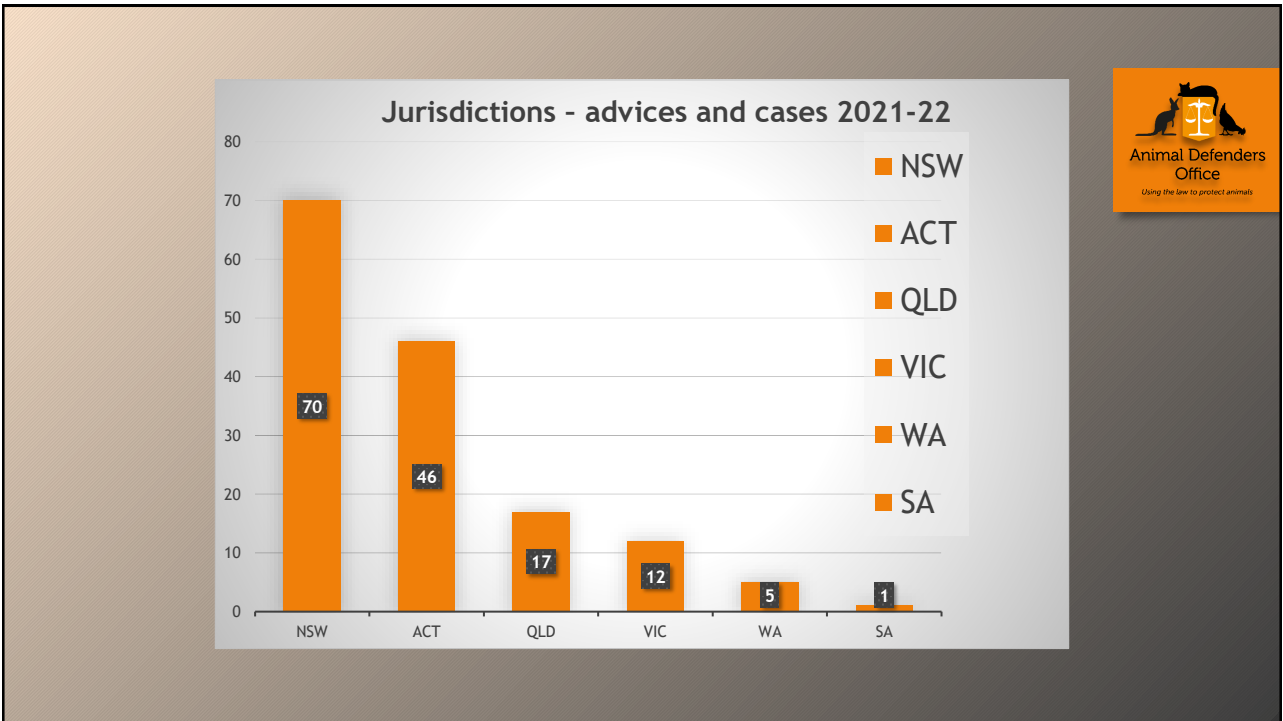
1. Commercial Kangaroo Harvest Management Plan 2022-26 - Consultation draft (NSW)
2. Australian Senate Inquiry - Definitions of meat and other animal products (Cth)
3. Animal Welfare Reform - Discussion Paper (NSW)
4. Draft Kosciuszko National Park Wild Horse Heritage Management Plan (NSW)
5. Licensing and regulating cat and dog breeders - Consultation Paper (NSW)
6. Inquiry into Public Health Amendment Bill 2021 (ACT)
7. Review of live sheep exports by sea to, or through, the Middle East during the Northern Hemisphere summer (Cth)
8. Greater Brisbane Greyhound Centre - Have Your Say (QLD)
9. Parliamentary inquiry into animal welfare policy and draft Bill (NSW)
10. Parliamentary inquiry into approved charitable organisations (NSW)
11. Parliamentary inquiry into puppy farms (NSW)
12. Central Coast puppy breeding facility - Development Application (NSW)
13. Australian Openness Agreement on Animal Research (Cth)
14. Parliamentary inquiry into use of primates and other animals in medical research (NSW)
15. Review of Animal Care and Protection Act (QLD)

In 2021-22 the ADO gave evidence at 6 parliamentary inquiries in 3 different jurisdictions





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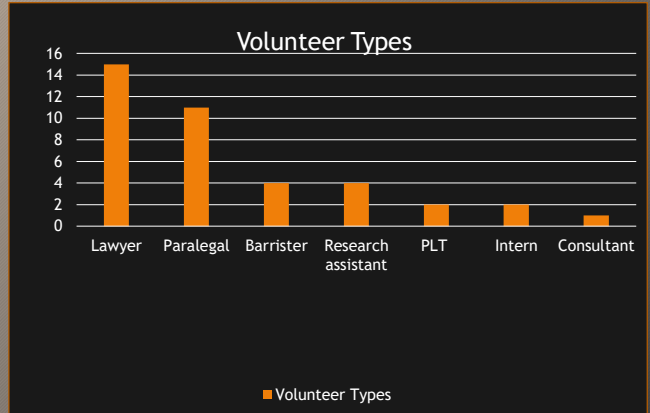
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The ADO: volunteers in 2021-22



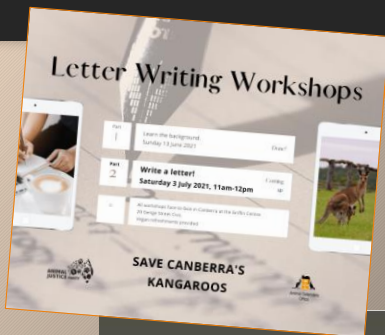
The ADO was assisted by:

- Over 35 legal, research and admin volunteers
- Four pro bono barristers
- One pro bono animal welfare consultant



PLT means 'practical legal training' for law graduates

Community Legal Education in 2021-22



SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ANIMALS

Is there a role for community legal centres in protecting animals and their defenders?

PRESENTED BY:
TARA WARD
MANAGING SOLICITOR (VOLUNTEER)
ANIMAL DEFENDERS OFFICE

CLCNSW LEGAL TRAINING DAY
2 DECEMBER 2021



Community Events in 2021-22

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ADO publications 2021-22

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ADO and the Community Legal Sector in 2021-22

ADO Board Strategy, Planning and Risk Workshop, 20 March 2022

Certificate of accreditation awarded to ADO for Phase 3 of the National Accreditation Scheme for CLCs, 11 May 2022

The ADO is a member of the ACT Legal Assistance Forum (ACTLAF), a forum of free legal services that met in 2021-22 to work on improving access to justice in the Australian Capital Territory.

Cross-checking online with Principal Lawyers from NSW CLCs 16 December 2021

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TESTIMONIALS - thanks to ADO volunteers from clients in 2021-22



'Thank you so much ... I really appreciate your help and your advice 🙏🙏🙏'

'Thanks so much for the advice - that is super helpful.'

'You have undoubtedly improved the lives of a multitude of beings. And all as volunteers. It is a remarkable service to the community. Thank you for being such a grand, relentless champion, and for your advice.'

'Thank you so much for your time. It's always heartening when someone is willing to provide what advice and support they can.'

'Thank you for your time, and for everything you do, the world needs more people and organisations like you.'

'Thank you so much for taking the time to help me understand and for all the great work you do.'

'Thank you so much for all your time and understanding, you have been amazing and so informative.'

'Thank you so much for your time. The information you gave me is absolutely invaluable and the time you spent with me was so very much appreciated!'

'Thanks so much. Honestly you've been such an incredible help to us throughout this project. We'd be lost without you and the ADO.'

'Thank you so much for assisting me during the most terrifying phase of my life. Thank you for all do for us and the animals ❤️'

'Thank you so much for all your advice and expertise, you have been extremely supportive.'

Some of the species the ADO helped people to protect in 2021-22




Pet dog	Pet cats	Animal victim-survivors	Impounded pet dogs	Wildlife affected by	Pet dog, cats and birds	Seized dog	Dog, puppy
Rabbits	Rescued wildlife	DFV	Pet dogs, pet cats	development sites	Pet dog	Wild duckling	Puppy
Pet dog, Dalmatian	Miniature Dachshund	Cat, 2 yo male	Kangaroos	Racehorses	Pet dog	Pet dog	Puppy
Cat	Marine animals	Dog, Corgi	Dogs - DFV victims	Pet dog, elderly	Pet cats	Rescue dogs	Sanctuary animals
Great Dane	Stray surrendered cat	Ex-racehorses	Wildlife	Eastern Grey Kangaroo	Pet kittens, Burmillas	Pet	Kangaroos
Laboratory mice	Cat, 16-year-old	Dog, Chihuahua	Rescue cats	and Red-necked Wallaby	Pet cat	Pet kitten	Dog
Rescue cats	Pets	Rescue cats	Rescue cats	Rabbits (pet)	Pet puppy	Live export sheep	Pet dog
Puppies	Pet cat	Dog, poodle x maremma	Pet dog, Bull mastiff X	Cows	Horses	Kangaroos	Golden Retriever rescue
Kangaroos	Pet cat	sheepdog	Breeder cats	Kangaroos	Pet cat	Dingoos	dogs
Rescued horses	Dog, Doberman	Dogs, pet Pitbulls	Impounded dogs	Pet horses, horse and	Pets	Pups	Pig support animal
Foster dog	Dog, Chihuahua x	Dogs, rescue Huskies	Dog, Belgian Shepherd	miniature horse	Brumbies	Horses	Wildlife
Ducks (in park)	Pomeranian	Puppy from breeder	Sanctuary animals	Possums	Kangaroos	Pet cat	Pet dog
Pet dog	Pet dogs	Pet dog	Cat, elderly pet	Kangaroos	Kangaroos	Bird, young	Pet dogs
Pet dogs	Dog, young German	Pet dog	Sheep	Research animals	Farmed rabbits	Magpies	Ducks
Pet cat	Shepherd	Racehorses	Pet dog	Kangaroos	Breeder dog, Cavoodle	Breeder dog, Cavoodle	Pet dog
Rainbow lorikeet	Pound animals	Pet dog	Pet dogs	Dogs, French Bulldog	Racehorses	Puppies	Pet Dogs
Pet dog, Rhodesian	Farmed rabbits	Pet dog, blue heeler	Pet dogs	and Japanese Spitz	Pets	Sanctuary animals	Pet dogs
ridgeback	Cat	Farmed (meat) rabbits	Racehorses	Pet dog, Cavoodle	Breeder dogs	Puppy	Companion animals
Dog, Shih Tzu	Female pet dog	Pet dog (rescue)	Animals used for fur	Rescue cats	Farmed animals	Dog	Dog
Wildlife	Brumbies	Abyssinian kitten	Pet dog, seized	Farmed animals	Wild donkeys	Wild donkeys	Pet pigs
Pet dogs, cats, lorikeets	Dog, Blue Cattle	Seized pet dogs	Kangaroos	Pet dog, Cavoodle	Pet dog, puppy	Breeder puppy	
Kangaroos	Dogs, Great Danes	Pet dog	Pomeranian dogs	Rescue cats	Pet dog, seized	Pet dog	
American Staffordshire	Dog, Husky	Dingoos	Pet dog	Dogs, pet American	Horse	Sanctuary animals	
Bull Terrier	Thoroughbred horses	Kitten from breeder	Dog	Staffies	Greyhound	Wildlife	
Kangaroos	Pet dogs, rescue huskies	Dogs, Great Danes	Cats and Dogs	Rescue cats	Pet dog	Breeder puppy	
Pet dogs		Breeder dogs	Dog, Alaskan Malamut	Pet horses	Rescue cats	Dog, Belgian Shepherd	

Net profit or loss 2021-22



2021-22
Financial
statements

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 30 June 2022	
Opening balance (1/7/2021)	24,426.05
Excess of receipts over payments	11,492.78
Closing balance	35,918.83
Represented by:	
Cash at Commonwealth Bank of Australia	35,918.83
Cash in hand	0.00
Outstanding bank deposit	0.00
Net Assets	35,918.83
AUDITOR'S REPORT	
I have examined the accounts, books and vouchers of Animal Defenders Office Incorporated as presented to me for the year ended 30 June 2022 and have received satisfactory answers to any questions I have asked, and it is my opinion that the Statement of Receipts and Payments and Statement of Assets and Liabilities are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and fair view of the Association's affairs.	


DR WALTER KUDRYCZ
REVIEWER
5/11/2022

Animal Defenders Office Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ending 30 June 2022	
	2021-22 \$
Receipts	
Stripe (A Poultry Place Fundraiser)	20,262.01
Membership	0.00
Grants	65,225.00
Fund raising	654.57
ADO goods	0.00
Interest	0.00
Donations	7,248.70
Cases	4,746.28
Other	140.81
TOTAL	98,277.37
Payments	
Saltillo/ Room hire	697.00
Registration/ Fees	30.00
Stationery/ Printing/ Postage	367.59
Computing/ Internet	4,871.19
Court costs / Disbursements	1,231.09
Electricity	694.87
Office/ Rent	1,620.80
Insurance	1,271.53
Travel/ Event	341.00
Media subscriptions	270.00
Bank fees	8.23
Contractors	55,119.29
Donations (A Poultry Place Fundraiser)	20,262.00
Credit card payments	0.00
TOTAL	86,784.59
Excess of receipts over payments	11,492.78

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Funding highlights 2021-22

In 2021-22 we were fortunate enough to receive a one-off grant of \$65,000 from the NSW Government's Social Sector Support Fund. This grant enabled us to:

- hire staff for the first time in the history of our organisation, and
- subscribe to a commercial case management system for the first time as a community legal centre.

These two significant improvements meant our NFP could:

- support clients by reducing our COVID 19 backlog of cases and requests,
- assist more clients with their legal problems,
- improve our ability to meet the demand for our normal services in the community,
- respond to requests for our services and expertise from NSW parliamentary inquiries,
- contribute to NSW law reform initiatives, and
- run public awareness campaigns about animal welfare and law reform issues.



Animal Defenders
Office

Using the law to protect animals



Volunteer Principal Lawyer Tara Ward with the ADO's first paid solicitor, Sarah Margo

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Volunteers & Sponsors 2021-22



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Thank you!