

## RSPCA Victoria Media Release

## RSPCA SAYS RODEOS SHOULD BE BANNED

## Vote with your feet and choose not to attend the rodeo this Saturday night!

With a rodeo event to be conducted this Saturday night at Rod Laver Arena, the RSPCA is stepping up its campaign to have rodeos banned.

RSPCA Victoria has taken out advertisements in the major media asking people to vote with their feet and choose not to attend the rodeo.

The RSPCA believes that all animals must be treated humanely and is opposed to rodeos for the abuse and high risk of injury to animals.

RSPCA State President Dr Hugh Wirth says the RSPCA disapproves of rodeo events since they serve no useful purpose for the animal as some events have a high potential for cruelty and subject animals to great stress and high risk.

"Abusing animals in the name of public entertainment should not be tolerated."

The RSPCA is disappointed that a well-recognised and respected company like Holden is involved in an event that can cause harm to animals purely for the pleasure of people attending.

Dr Wirth said, "The RSPCA will continue to urge government to have rodeos banned."

For a Rodeo Fact Sheet or further information visit www.rspcavic.org

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