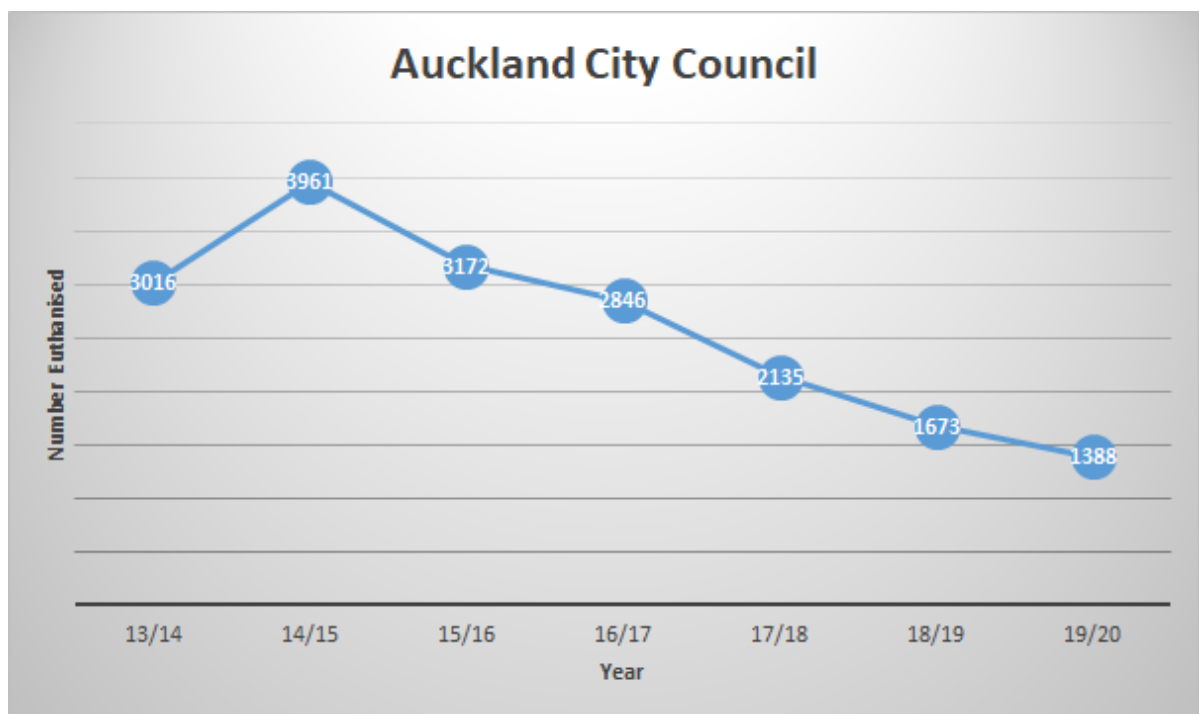
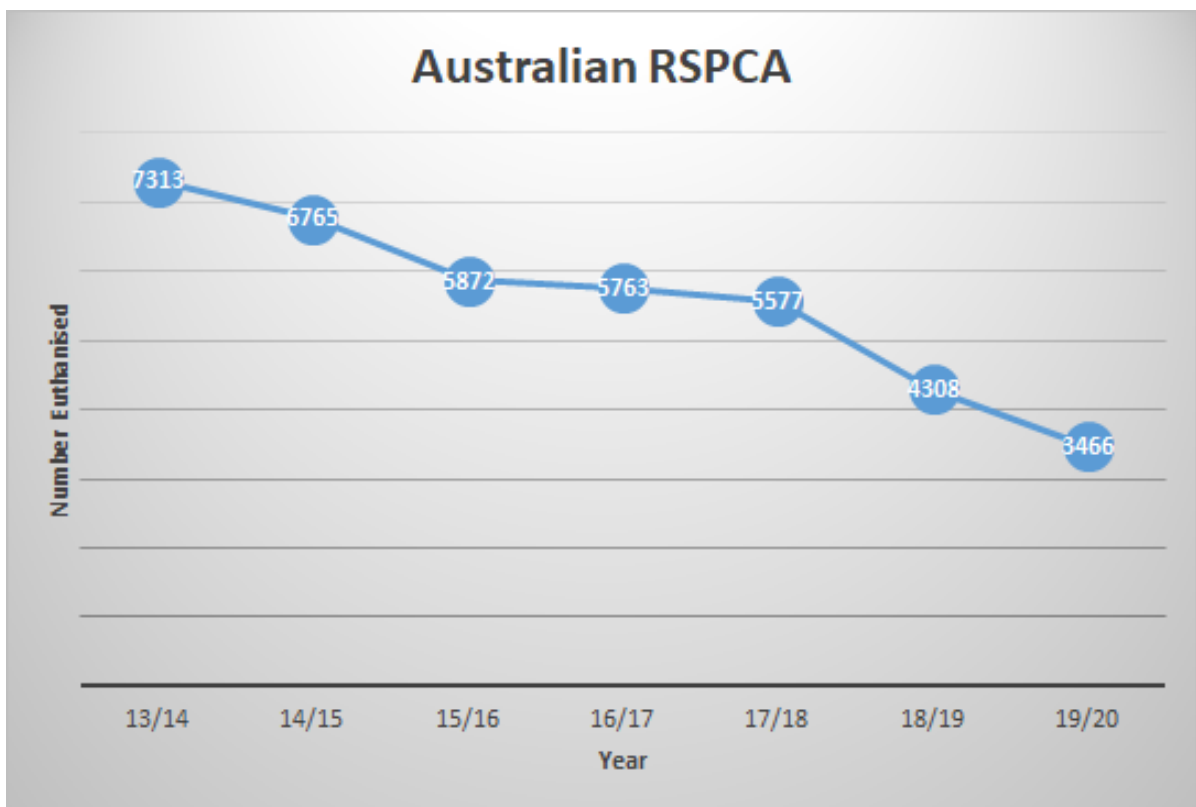


### **Appendix 3** - Measuring and reporting on euthanasia

As noted in the submission it is difficult to obtain canine euthanasia data in New Zealand, particularly for welfare or rehoming organisations. We have noted that some Territorial Local Authorities report on the number of impounded dogs euthanised, as does the Australian RSPCA. What is evident about this reporting is that, like with GRNZ, measurement and transparency about the data generally leads to reduction in euthanasiation.

The Australian RSPCA and Auckland City Council are transparent in their reporting of euthanisations. While both organisations euthanise thousands of dogs a year, it is clear from the graphs below that the euthanasiation rate is falling. For example, the percentage of impounded dogs euthanised by Auckland City Council has reduced from 41% in 2013/14 to 25% in 2019/20. The Australian RSPCA figures have reduced from 16% in 2013/14 to 12% in 2019/20. Note that for the 18/19 year, the Australian RSPCA data also includes NSW Council dogs as well.





The New Zealand SPCA does not publish its euthanasiation data. GRNZ notes that a report from NAWAC<sup>1</sup> stated that over the four years up to 2015, an average of 2,770 dogs and puppies were euthanised annually by the SPCA.

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<sup>1</sup> NAWAC Opinion on animal welfare issues associated with selective breeding. MPI 2017