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I am not an Activist, Vegan, Vegetarian or Farmer.

I am someone that has had enough of having a cruel industry protected and hidden from the general public. Thus denying the public the right to make informed decisions. Since watching some documentaries such as Dominion and others I have done some research on the animal agricultural industry. One undeniable fact keeps arising. Farmers, business and government do not want the truth regarding lack of animal welfare in the animal industry exposed. They all sing the same song eg: we are scared for our safety, our animals will be stressed, it is unlawful, bio security risks etc. Little Proud even stooped so low as to say "You don't know, These Activists May Have Come Back From Bali" when referring to bio-security. An insult to Bali from a politician!!! Obviously an emotional stupid and ignorant statement to throw into the ever growing mix of statements to condemn activists.

Did you know if you grabbed a piglet by the tail, swung it over your head and then bashed into in to concrete continuously until it is dead you would be breaking the law, perform the same practice for meat or for money then it is legal and some claim..... Humane. The same type of hypocrisy is prevalent though out the animal agricultural industry. Farmer's with hundreds of cattle all claim they love their animals and care for them dearly. Many publicly show their crocodile tears because they have to send dairy cows to premature slaughter. However no such tears are shed after the cow's body can now longer produce the milk that the farmers have robbed from her and are then send her to slaughter for even more money.

How can companies with hundreds of thousands of cattle loving care for their cattle, they simply do not and cannot.

Farmers are worried about their livelihood, a livelihood that they chose, also known as a business dealing with a commodity to produce profits for farmers. How much care does the likes of Gina Rinehart provide her animals that are bred to be exported in horrific conditions to countries that treat them even worse that the Australian government allows here on its own soil. How about the considerations of animal's lives.

I watched a documentary on cage chickens in China. Hundreds of thousands of them in rows and row, layer upon layer to live their entire lives in tiny enclosures until they die or can no longer produce eggs. It is so large it cannot be managed by humans alone. So they have produced robots that can detect dead, dying and non-egg producing chickens and automatically remove them from the tiny enclosures. This is farming, this is animal agriculture. This is how degrading animal farmers and the animal agricultural industry has become. They continue to develop smaller and smaller enclosures to maximize economies of scale in this barbaric intensive industry.

Activist believe this is wrong, I believe this is wrong.

I heard on the grape vine that when semi-trailers carrying thousands of chickens into a well know chicken processing factory in the western suburbs of Melbourne have a special open dumping ground for dead and DYING chickens on the trucks that this facility has. I believe a worker at this facility was forced to sign a non-disclosure agreement that prevents him from telling others about this barbaric practice. The company clearly knows this is wrong but the secrecy to protect the dollars is hugely more important that the welfare of innocent animals.

I travel from Geelong to Melbourne daily. I have seen many, many, many dead chickens on the side of the road that have fallen out of the inadequately protected and designed semi-trailer's taking these chickens to the same slaughter yard. I have seen cattle trucks with the limbs and heads of sheep and cattle sticking out the side of poorly protected and designed cattle trucks. Often enduring hundreds of kilometers in this state in wind rain and searing heat. I will take a guess and say many will arrive dead and injured. Who designed these vehicles of torture and who is responsible for letting this continue? The Government, Farmers and the animal agricultural industry that's who. They all know about it but do nothing to stop this.

Have you ever seen a pig have its throat slit? I have, when I was a little boy. It was performed by the same loving farmer that cares for his pigs that are kept in unbelievably disgusting sow stalls. He knew how to hold the thrashing and absolutely terrified pig so he can slit it's throat and then drop his knife to make sure he could contain the pig and open up the throat to help bleeding until the pig eventually stopped thrashing and died. This was done in full view of other pigs. This is the same caring farmer that loves his animals. Until the dollars are flapped in front of his greedy and cruel eyes.

I made my INFORMED decision never to eat pork again. Everyone has this right to make a choice based on transparent reality. It is our right. It is not the right of Governments and farmers to hood wink the public. The animal agricultural industry needs to finally be exposed for what it is. The Government and farmers do not want you to see this for obvious reasons. Governments and farmers know there are alternatives and very profitable and huge opportunities arising that do not involve animal slaughter. But they are clinging to a dying industry that being exposed and the exposure momentum is growing as it should. They are a lazy inept and corrupt lot.

I can go on and on. There are no adequate laws for the protection of our sentient beings (someone capable of emotions and fear)

These champion activists want to stop cruelty to animals.....what the hell is wrong with that!!!!!!!!!!!!

There needs to be laws to protect activists not the hypocritical animal agriculture industry and it's so called scared, loving and caring farmers. They will survive. They will not have THEIR throats slit!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Morrison and his National cronies are a bully Government using power to suit their own point of view and support barbaric practices for so called economic benefit. Farmers can transition to cruelty free farming and other non-murderous activities. The industry is changing. Morrison and the Nationals know it. They are clinging to cheap and cruel money for their business mates. Not the general publics. They are targeting a small but growing easy target. The activists.

The public has this right to see how animals are really treated and then make up their own minds, as I have. Activists are the only conduit that people have to see the barbaric reality of the animal agricultural industry. However governments, big business and small businesses do not want the public to see the truth. They treat animals as an inanimate object and commodity to be exploited for money. And that is the bottom line MONEY. When businesses fear losing money they pull out all stops to try and stop that from happening.

Animal Activists would not exist if animals were protected. They have no interest in harming anyone. They are compassionate and love and want to protect animals from cruelty and the governments and farmers that are encouraging this cruelty. Activists, both animal and others have forced many and fantastic changes to our society.

Without activists society would be a much sadder place. Yet Morrison does not want people who do not agree with him to have a say.

Farmers want to stop caring and humane activists from exposing this industry purely for selfish reasons. Just who is wrong here and just whose welfare should be cared for here. The animals and activists of course. Animal activists care for those that are innocent, cannot speak for themselves and cannot protect themselves from barbarity for profit

How can activists be so harshly judged by a corrupt, ignorant Government protecting It's business mates that contribute to party coffers. Do they also have vested personal interests in this industry? We all know Paul Keating did.

Activists need to be provided with Government approval, agency and funding. The only ones to fear this are the cruel farmers who depend on cruel practices.

I will end with a poem.

If I am to be a voice for animals then how should I speak?

Am I to whisper when they are screaming in pain?

Am I to be calm when they tremble in fear?

Am I to shout for mercy as their throats are being slit?

Tell me how I need to speak for YOU to grant them THEIR freedom

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