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I do not believe there should be any increase in penalties for Animal Rights Activists seeking to expose the horrific cruelties of the animal agriculture industries. As the laws stand, fines for trespassing currently serve their purpose and are punitive enough. To change these laws would be unnecessarily reactionary: a response only to recent protests, of which these instances are not frequent.

The circumstances in which those who chose to trespass or intervene with animal factories were needed to remind Australians that much is being hidden from them regarding the realities of the things they consume - as difficult as it may be to accept these realities when protesters illuminate them. We need individuals at times to push the boundaries if necessary when huge injustices have occurred. This is how we have always progressed as a society. To penalise further in this case may not stop people from taking the actions they feel morally compelled to take, but it would send a message that a democratically elected government will react to an emotional response from some when facing difficult truths, or that our law makers are spending time on a issue like this, rather than increased attention on mental health services, parole systems or penalties regarding violent crimes.

I sincerely hope you take this submission into consideration.

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