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I find it appalling that measures to crack down (beyond the law) on those actively protesting animal welfare abuses in modern farming are being considered. In an inherently corrupt industry, with widespread (acknowledged and demonstrated) continuing cruelty, many of the actions of such protesters have led to successful revelations and convictions of those administering extreme cruelty in the pursuit of profits. That the vested interests of those involved compels them to demand extra protections from peaceful protesters is by no means surprising, but that it warrants parliamentary involvement most certainly is. Farmers deserve no further protections from trespassers than any other businesses or individuals, all of whom are currently protected by the law.

It's clear that the calls for better, more effective sentencing/punishments may indeed be well-founded which, ironically, is exactly what the protesters have been calling for for years for those found to have committed acts of cruelty and neglect.

One rule for one is never a good way to run a democracy, as history has shown time and again and as a voting taxpaying Australian, I am stunned that this issue has even been raised. A pervading sense of Aussie farmers as being untouchable needs addressing and shutting down.

I would also note that no activist is calling for laws to protect them better when they break the law - they are aware of the consequences and risks, and face these in order to pursue what they believe to be right.

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