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I would like to address the following terms of reference> potential impacts of animal activist activity on Victorian farms, to Victoria's economy and international reputation; provide recommendations on how the Victorian Government and industry could improve protections for farmers' privacy, businesses, and the integrity of our biosecurity system and animal welfare outcomes, whether through law reform or other measures

The key issue that this committee should be addressing is the welfare of the animals. If this was addressed there would be no need for activists to enter farms. Consumers are becoming more aware of where their produce is coming from and concerned about how the livestock are being treated and grown. There is a swing away from mass housing and an intolerance to cruelty by workers when handling animals. Businesses that are not transparent with these issues or continue to ignore consumer concerns will suffer when it comes to their product in the marketplace.

There needs to be an independent monitoring body created that has power to enter farms spontaneously in an approved manner so that issues can be dealt with and build up consumer confidence in the industry. Hidden cameras with independent monitoring may also be required to ensure compliance

All the terms of reference on this agenda are geared towards protecting operators and not considering the welfare of the livestock. To ignore this makes the whole purpose of the committee farcical. Nothing will change and farms will still be targeted. Silencing people that care is not the answer fixing the real issue of animal welfare is.

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