

SUMMARY OF POINTS

Animal Abuse – addressing the important information brought to the public by activists through methods that are now considering being restricted

Biosecurity – addressing the danger animal agriculture presents to the general public

Loss of income – addressing the reality that animal agriculture is an industry forecasted to lose income

ANIMAL ABUSE

In the year 2019 I find it amazing that the individuals asking for greater protection are the individuals causing regulated suffering to sentient creatures.

In Victoria it is a normal and legal practice to throw live male chicks in to macerators because they are not profitable.

It is legal to cut off the testicles of male pigs without anaesthetic.

It is legal to forcibly impregnate a cow and take away it's male baby to then kill the calf because it is not profitable.

It is legal to force creatures in to cages which are not large enough for them to turn around in.

It is legal to force animals in to a building where their lives will end.

The purveyors of the above actions do not need more protection, they need greater scrutiny and their actions need greater monitoring and transparency.

While farmers who exploit sentient creatures report that they are fearful of animal activists, the simple fact is that no violent action has been taken by the activists.

On the other hand, sickening violent treatment of animals by people in animal agriculture occurs on a daily basis, as revealed by activists.

These include the violent beating and beheading of sheep in a slaughterhouse in Carrum, after which the abattoir workers jokingly threw and kicked the heads around.

As posted on <https://www.leaked.com.au/>

More recently there was recorded instances of chickens being mishandled and having their heads ripped off in Bridgewater Poultry farm.

https://www.smh.com.au/business/companies/hate-it-when-their-heads-come-off-footage-reveals-cruelty-at-egg-farm-20190615-p51xyj.html?fbclid=IwAR3_abZm14jbu3l0dFsbFhauKFbVs3oyO5SMik4Cc8e_ANrhUaiaQF9_g4o

The footage mentioned exists due to the risks and effort taken by animal activists, not due to the honesty of animal agriculture.

Victoria has made great moves recently to increase protection of dogs (such as ending puppy mills). The footage leading to this change was also collected by animal rights activists. It's time similar consideration was given to other creatures that are as capable of suffering.

Victoria does not need the introduction of Ag-gag type laws.

The individuals who need increased protection are animals, the only ones willing to reveal their

suffering are animal rights activists.

BIOSECURITY

Worldwide most of the human suitable antibiotics are used by animal agriculture. The World Health Organisation has stated that antibiotic use in animal agriculture is a key driver in the creation of antibiotic resistant bacteria and that this will have to be curtailed to reduce risk of large-scale human deaths in the future. It is then ironically unbelievable that animal agriculture proponents would talk about Biohazard concerns.

The existence of animal agriculture, in particular factory farm/concentrated animal farms are a constant biohazard threat greater than anything animal activists could (or would) threaten.

<https://www.who.int/news-room/detail/07-11-2017-stop-using-antibiotics-in-healthy-animals-to-prevent-the-spread-of-antibiotic-resistance>

LOSS OF INCOME

While animal farmers have been stating they are concerned about effects on livelihoods, it's clear that large parts of the industry are dying off without any cause linked to recent activists' activity. The argument of "loss of income" seems to be an attempt at shifting the blame, from changes in consumer demand, to animal activists. Effectively using animal rights activists as scapegoats.

<https://mobile.abc.net.au/news/2019-06-26/dairy-farmers-mass-exodus-from-the-industry/11215730?pfmredir=sm>