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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this submission today to add my voice against any proposed harsher penalties for animal activists. I am horrified that the government would consider punishing those whose only desire is to help those less fortunate than themselves, sentient farmed animals.

If my neighbour cut the tail off his dog, punctured its ears and cut off the tops of their teeth without pain relief, would I want to know? If a cat breeder kept a cat in a small cage, never seeing daylight, not being able to turn around or even tend to its newborn young, would I consider that immoral? Would I want to investigate this? Would I want to stop this? YES!

If my neighbour or the breeder said that 'what happens on their properties is none of my business', I would passionately disagree. As a society, we would never stand by that. We would applaud anyone who investigated such abuse to make people aware and punish those involved.

So why would we allow farmers to have such secrecy? Why do we blindly trust their propaganda that they 'treat their animals well'? We can't and we shouldn't. Animal activists find abuses time and time again. This is no accident, this is common practice. If there was nothing to see, the activists would stop, but animal cruelty is standard in an industry that focuses on profit.

We have a choice, close the blinds and pretend that everything is ok OR recognise that these activists are doing what no government body is proactively doing, exposing the truth of the brutal industries that feed us. Australians deserve to know the truth, for ourselves and for the animals, whose lives are in our hands.

No changes should be made to the current penalties for animal activism.

Thank-you for your time,

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