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Inquiry Name: Inquiry into the Impact of Animal Rights Activism on Victorian Agriculture

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**SUBMISSION CONTENT:**

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Thank you for accepting my Submission to this Inquiry.  
I respond to Term of Reference IV

Two powerful people acknowledge what what animal activists have sought to expose through their activism;  
Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) community engagement manager Jacqueline Baptista in July 2019 stated that;

‘There is an obvious and urgent need to strengthen Farm Animal welfare laws...’ going on to state that, "If you [farmers] do not change your practices you won't be able to sell your product....[and] "We have to demonstrate and show them there is improvement” (1)

The Honourable Prime Minister Scott Morrison told the audience at the Daily Telegraph bush summit in Dubbo during in July 2019 that, ‘It’s a lack of knowledge...that allowed the protesters to gain traction (2)

Australia has always been a democratic and mostly, progressive country. It goes against our history of a fair go, to attempt to silence truth-seekers-let alone with these excessive penalties. I believe that doing so, will highlight the disparity between these and those given to people who do far worse to people than enter their property and remove items. Further, I believe that consumers will question the integrity of an industry and a Government that seeks such extreme measures to guard their methods, and with these unknowns, many will turn away from products that come from farmers.

I trust that wise minds will prevail within the outcome of this Inquiry

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