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I am a farmers' daughter and my parents loved and cared for their animals but we knew of others who did not exhibit the same care. Some through bad management, others neglect. I am concerned that there have always been too many examples of animal cruelty that have only been brought to light by the brave actions of people concerned for the welfare of other species.

How do we ensure that future animal abuses do not occur? If we can not then maybe we need the individuals who care enough to act in our stead. I am sure that farmers who are doing nothing wrong have nothing to fear from animal rights activists. My mother would have made them tea.

I urge you to not prioritise a populist scare campaign which promotes rejection of the notion that animals deserve more respect than they are often given. In fact, Australians are generally sympathetic to the idea of animal rights. A solution that takes this into account should be the goal of any legislation, not the sweeping under the carpet of animal cruelty by targeting protestors.

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