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As an extremely concerned citizen I would like to submit that whistleblowers have exposed the inhumane animal cruelty occurring in farms across Australia. Without these horrendous discoveries exposing animal farming for what it really is, these practices by farmers would still be a secret.

Many documentaries to date have exposed the numerous unimaginable acts of cruelty and abuse to animals. The Australian public have a right to know the truth behind the practices of Australian farming. Animal abuse must never be tolerated regardless of whether it occurs on a street or a farm.

Whistleblowers regrettably have little option but to commit Civil Disobedience in order to expose the truth of Animal Farming which would be unnecessary if animal farmers were transparent in their practices. One way in achieving transparency is to instal CCTV cameras in all slaughterhouses. In addition, legislating new laws protecting animals where they acquire the same rights. as those pertaining to domestic animals.

The public. are entitled to make informed choices in relation to what they eat, wear and consume without transparency, the right to an informed choice cannot be made.

It is clear that the majority of Australians are concerned about Animal Welfare based own a report in 2019 commissioned by the Federal Department of Agriculture & Water Resources where it was found that 95% of respondents wanted Farm Animal Welfare Reform.

New Legislation is required and a must to protect Farm Animals and not the farmers whereby sanctions are imposed on farmers who breach the provisions in such legislation. Moreover, these protections should extend to the whistleblowers who expose ongoing animal cruelty in all forms of Animal Agriculture.

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