

To whom it may concern,

My name is Leah Doellinger Whetton and I am an animal activist in Australia. I have been an activist for 3 years and have been charged for trespassing multiple times. My point in tell you this is because I am the other side of farmers so I wanted to take this opportunity to explain this from who you are actually considering laws for.

I do not like being an activist. Frankly I hate it, I am depressed and anxious. Because I know and have seen the truth. Can you imagine how it feels to sit here at night crying my eyes out after seeing the unnecessary suffering and violence in Australia for a meal that we do not need and then having abuse and threats and court and laws against me and so many lies and being called a terrorist, and all because I want to stop such others from hurting and bring the truth to those who have a right to it.

It does not matter which farm we go to; they are all so horrific. They are full of so many broken souls who have either lost hope or they have gone crazy.

Free range farming looks nicer how they advertise it, but I have been in a lot of free range chicken sheds and the state of them is disgusting, not only what we have done to these poor babies, but also what we are lying to the our fellow humans about for their morals and their health. There is nothing healthy about eating a bird who has had their body genitally modified to grow of "slaughter weight" and within 6 WEEKS of age they're legs are all splayed, a lot are already dead from sudden death syndrome, they have respiratory illness and have ammonia burns from the ground and some have fallen on their backs and can't get back up because of their weight gain and deformed bodied so they die on their backs slowly from starvation and dehydration. That is not healthy for us to be eating. It should be illegal to advertising little white chickens in fields that they never actually get to see, because they can't walk at all or very far because of the rapid weight gain on their organs and they actually are in a lot of pain and also respiratory problems. We have never come across a broiler farm that actually ever opens their sheds to allow the huge deformed baby chickens to come out.

I have seen such suffering you couldn't imagine. I have spent days in bed wanting to die remembering the victims I had met and had to leave them behind in so much pain and such sadness in their eyes. I have heard and seen baby calves at slaughterhouses in holding pens crying out for their Mother's while they wait to be killed because they were born boys and are of no use to the dairy industry. They are considered and actually called "waste products" can you believe that; innocent new born babies called "waste products" and just killed like nothing. And the public doesn't know about this.

I have witnessed myself farmers abusing the innocent animals in their care and they never wear or use bio security. The action we did at a broiler farm in Melbourne saw the farmers walk into the shed in their casual clothes and allow their dog to run in up to the chickens and then they looked up shocked to see us there. The police have never worn, nor have they every been asked to follow bio security measures.

I would like to talk about the lies on the media about us. I literally still can't believe it is legal to tell so many lies from the farmers and the media. My mouth has dropped so many times when I hear complete and blatant lies. How can anyone be ok with lying like that.

1. We have never ever ever been anywhere near their houses
2. We have never covered our faces
3. We have never taken weapons
4. We have NEVER threatened anyone even when they are threatening us
5. We have never harmed a human or animal
6. There is no aggression or abuse and theirs thousands of people whose footage you can view to see that from ourtside.
7. We walk peaceful and we walk out peaceful
8. We take all measures of bio security

There is NOTHING "terrorist like" happening from us.

I have also been a part of undercover investigations so I could see with my own eyes exactly what is happening to the animals when we aren't there. I watched a mother pig be shot in the head in front of other Mothers and her own children because her legs were so bad from being stuck in a cage for so long and she couldn't walk. She seizure on the ground for a long time and the other mothers and babies all screamed terrified. I have seen the pigs all go dead quiet when a human walked into the shed because they are terrified. I have witness with my own eyes the farmers severely kicking Mother pigs and smashing piglets on the ground, which is also a standard and legal industry practice called "thumping" and I have seen them stomping on injured chickens and smashing baby calves ani havevd goats over their heads. I have found their bodies, either dead or still hanging on and suffering.

I have severe PTSD from the suffering I have seen.

But you see, the world is changing. We are supposed to be a world of love, human beings of love. We are proud of our country for our compassion and open hearts, but we have forgotten the animals. Why is it they are not given any rights or given a choice. Why is it they are HIDDEN from the public eye. Why are we hurting them? We don't need to.

They feel just like us, love, sadness and pain. They have families they care about just like we do.

Not a single activist enjoys being an activist. We are all hurting and depressed and we don't want to spend our lives like this, going to protests and court. We are only doing this from love. We are of love and we want the rest of the world to have the opportunity to see and hear the truth and allow them to make up their minds. Ask anyone if they want to know the truth or lies, and they will choose truth.

For too long have we hidden and justified our atrocities to the animals.

All I ask if that as you read this stop for a second and imagine you are in the body of one of those animals, your hurting, your scared and you are broken, your children have been taken and there is no escape. You will be hurt and killed soon and you have no choice and can not stand up or protect yourself or your loved ones.

And that is why we are standing up for them. Let it be a world of justice for all truths to be told. If you were one of those victims you would pray someone would find you and tell the world the truth.

I want to also say that I am not an “arrogant vegan’ like the headlines make me out to be, calling me a “ring leader” of terrorism.

I am a good person, I am a strong person and I have loved animals since I was a child. I had a really bad childhood and my only friends were animals. They never tried to hurt me, say anything mean and they were there for me. They are so innocent and when given the chance they show even us love and would never want to hurt us.

I am just so hurt that we are doing this to them. And I can assure you that not only myself but thousands around Australians will not stop trying to heal the world.

All that these laws would do is hurt and condemn good people for trying to do good and help others. There is nothing mean or malicious going on. We have not hurt anyone and we have not done anything out of selfishness to gain anything for ourselves, like most crimes are out of selfishness. We do not get anything out of this, only pain to ourselves.

If these laws go through, and myself and others are made an example of in court they will be silencing many Australia citizens hearts who are crying out for us to stop hurting others. These laws will betray the truth and hide it and allow lies and suffering to continue.

This will not stop with harsher laws. You can’t block us out, this needs to be happening for the good of the world, our planet, ourselves and each other.

We believe humans have the right to know the whole truth and nothing but the truth. We believe the public have a right to see the animals inside these places and make their own choice if they want to pay for and consume it. We all have a right to know the advertising is a lie and decide what we want to pay for and put into our bodies. Why should such severe lies on advertising be allowed to continue. Why can’t we go in and help sick and injured animals like we can for humans and animals we have chosen as pets.

There is corruption going on, and we need to clean it up not feed it power to continue and worsen.

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Mothers of the dairy industry cry out for their babies and chase the farmer who are taking their children. They cry out for over a week for their babies and try to look for them. Farm hand at the action at a Queensland feedlot told us this.

Why can't we know this truth? Because there would be a loss of profit. But if its wrong then it is wrong. It is what it is and if others decide not to consume these products after knowing the truth then that is what is fair and their right.

Why are they lying?, Recently I was contacted by SBS to be interviewed and to share my evidence of threats and abuse from farmers and during all of this Colin from SBS attempted to join a Farmers private facebook group to speak with them also. I have a friend who managed to sneak inside that group and she can see everything they're saying and when Colin requested to join they didn't accept but instead quickly told everyone to delete all of their comments and posts that said anything violent and threatening. Because there were threats and laughter about shooting us, raping us, killing our animals and some about smashing my teeth in, breaking my jaw, cutting my fingers off and screen shots of my videos of me crying while witnessing the animals suffering and comments about wanting me to be hurt, and a post about raping my friend Cara and throwing her body on train tracks. They never ended up letting Colin from sbs join the group because there was just too much to clean up.

The farmers somehow obtained my Mum's address and mine, they posted them all over social media, saying "here's the bitches address if you want to pay her a visit" they also found my Mum's social media and sent her threats, they found her work and tried to get her fired. My Mum is a single Asian lady living alone who became very scared because her address and mine were being posted in every farm group and on the comment section of articles. She still parks her car in her backyard and has chairs against the doors every night.

We never ever go near them or their homes, most of the time they don't even notice any one has been there unless it is a "lock down" but if it is just in the night then they don't notice because we do not harm or threaten the humans, damage property or hurt the animals. Yet their threats are so vile and that's why they play the victim publicly but have groups where they say such awful things they don't want to get out, just like what they are doing to the animals. They are hiding the truth and lying and they don't want anyone to know.

The real victims are not us nor them. The real victims are the animals who can't help that they were born into a body in a world where they are hurt and killed to make a meal of their flesh, milk or eggs.

Lastly, all I ask is that you please watch Dominion on youtube. Please, that is the only way you will understand.

There is a movement of love and truth happening, please do not silence a rights movement. Like many before us there have been movements for blacks and women. All of which unfortunately came with having to disobeying unjust laws and a cry for humanity and equality and an end to hate, lies and wrong doings. We look back on that history now and are grateful the world changed for the better and we now can't believe what we used to do. We hope one day that we will look back and be shocked at what we did and allowed to happen to animals and for so long.

Please don't punish us any worse for wanting the world to be kind and have the truth. We are not bad or mean malicious humans. We are the opposite.

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