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The state of factory farming practices in Australia is appalling. Please make laws to protect defenseless animals who are treated brutally and cruelly. We need transparency in the animal agriculture industry, including CCTV cameras to keep people accountable. The Australian public have a right to know about animal welfare standards and if this means people trespassing in order to gain footage of cruelty then that should be allowed to happen. There should be zero tolerance for animal cruelty in both domestic and farm settings. All animals need to be protected and treated with dignity, even those destined to be 'processed'. The culture of animal abuse and cruelty needs to be stamped out in animal agriculture- what is the link between violent criminals and those who have worked in abattoirs and intensive animal farming? Violence and cruelty towards animals leads to violence and cruelty towards humans as well. Do not punish those who seek to inform the public about animal cruelty- we have a right to know about it and will not stand for it.

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