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I am very concerned to hear that whistle-blowers who expose animal cruelty could be charged for providing this vital information to the community. As a member of the community who has concern for animal welfare I have been shocked by released Australian footage to date. This has included videos of: A variety of infant animals being kicked, punched and thrown, chickens being boiled alive, pigs in pain and distress, live export animals drowning in excrement or perishing of heat exhaustion, live baiting and mass graves of greyhounds. This footage was all provided by whistle blowers - not surprisingly it was not filmed by the people committing the acts themselves. It is evident in these videos that these behaviours are going undetected and unaddressed by the relevant authorities. Many consumers will not support or buy animal products if produced under conditions harmful or cruel to animals. Food production should not be a secret from the public. Consumers are interested to know where food comes from in order to make decisions about what to buy and what to avoid. Moving toward taking steps to lock this information down tells me that some operators have something to hide.

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