



Inquiry Name: Inquiry into the Impact of Animal Rights Activism on Victorian Agriculture

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Quite simply, someone needs to speak out for the animals. Without the work of the activists who take great personal risks, the mistreatment of animals would continue to operate unnoticed and unregulated. The government "checks and balances" that are in place are not doing the job.

The whistle-blowers need to be protected. The footage obtained showing gross breaches of animal welfare and outright animal abuse from agricultural farms and practices is proof enough that the industry needs more scrutiny not less.

The Australian public deserves transparency; the animals deserve transparency.

The animal agriculture industry is profit driven, therefore the welfare of the animals is at best secondary. The practices of farmers and all agriculture industry cannot be allowed to operate without activist scrutiny for the sake of the animals.

This proposal is the same as AG-GAG laws to criminalise activist activities so farmers and agriculture businesses can carry on as normal and continue their animal abuse.

This proposal is unjust. Australia can do better than this. Let's focus our energy into making it harder for animal agriculture to abuse animals.

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