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

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I don't believe the recent activities by so called animal activists are any real threat to farmers or biosecurity.

For the sake of our environment and humanity, I believe that the public have a right to know what is going on. This cruelty cannot go on. It is just wrong to treat our food sources so badly.

I understand that a minority of MPs are under pressure from their electorate but the majority of people are horrified to know what has been going on at our farms, factory farms, the abattoirs and the ships that transport live export. In order to maintain civility and humanity, we need people to inform us what is happening and bring to justice those being cruel.

The majority of animal activists are peaceful. To stop them from highlighting what is going on is taking away our democracy. It is those who are being cruel that should be brought to justice and be held accountable.

Please do not take our democracy or ability for whistle blowers to sound the alarm when animals are suffering.

Our human brain is developed and we should know that this suffering is wrong.

We also need to think about transitioning to more plant based and/or indigenous farming. This can generate our economy as well as slow down climate change. We need to change our ways. We need to be kinder, smarter and more respectful with empathy for all.

I don't have time to address all the issues but as for biosecurity, well I have read documents about the clothes people wear to work at the abattoirs not to mention animal parts everywhere. I don't think you have anything to fear from activists. How do you think these

cruel practices can be addressed if animal activists did not raise the alarm? So many bad things happen behind closed doors. Cruel practices must be stopped. It is not right!

Animal activists are only seeking social justice and freedom of speech.

For the sake of future farming to be sustainable and drought proof, we need to support our farmers into transitioning away from their traditional farming practices and start generating an income from plant based farming eg indigenous plants that are coming into demand in the bush tucker industry. Read Bruce Pascoe's 'Dark Emu'. But please don't let farmers and loggers use pesticides as I have seen Rosellas fall from the sky after an orchard was sprayed on the outskirts of Melbourne and it took them a while to die. The pesticides also kill bees which we need to pollinate.

We really need to change our ways. Animal social justice activists are only trying to point out that current practices are not right or just. Please don't let a small minority sway you. Other social justice groups are allowed to speak why not animal social justice groups?

With respect and faith, I urge you to consider this matter very carefully in order not to allow our democracy to ebb away like this!..

Kind Regards

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