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In any industry, whistleblowers are extremely detrimental to insure that all regulations are being implemented thoroughly and lawfully.

In an industry that is far from transparent, whistleblowers are even more imperative. Since the beginning of time, humans have deemed themselves far more superior than the animal species, therefore using superiority as a justification for abhorrent violence to innocent individuals. It is no wonder that farm animals have little representation in the law, since we view them as commodities rather than living, sentient beings. Domesticated companion animals have far more representation in the law, with jail time for some crimes committed against them. If there were repercussions for ill treatment of farm animals, we would see far more cases of animal cruelty in our courts.

Were it not for whistleblowers, we would not have learnt of the atrocities that occur to animals in slaughterhouses, we would not even know what the inside of a slaughterhouse looked like and therefore would not be able to get in touch with our moral compass and make a decision to stop supporting a system that thrives economically from the suffering of others. To persecute whistleblowers is to send a loud message that what is needing to be exposed has been kept from the public for a reason; to allow the everyday consumer not to think about what they're consuming or supporting in order to continue to fund these industries. It has been hidden out of sight and mind because it is indeed the truth, and the truth is something that the people and animals deserve.

If government bodies are thoroughly concerned about bio security laws, then it should be made compulsory that all facilities are regulated and thoroughly checked to make sure that these facilities follow practice lawfully.

Animal cruelty cases are rarely, if ever followed up. [REDACTED]

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Australia prides itself with its so called fairness for all, except those who we deem as unimportant. What about fairness for those who are unlike us? Why is it that a bill about persecuting whistleblowers is wanting to be passed but a bill regarding sentence of farm

animals is not, when we have a plethora of evidence that all animals feel pain, experience joy and that they do not want to be subject to such violence?

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