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Inquiry into Animal Activism in Victoria

a. the type and prevalence of unauthorised activity on Victorian farms and related industries, and the application of existing legislation;

There has not been an instance where a farming family has been threatened. This has been totally manipulated, especially in media reports. Whistleblowers have only exposed the truth. This is why there is an inquiry. When the truth of an industry is exposed from decades of secrecy hidden lies become known. No new laws are needed for people who wish to protect animals.

b. the workplace health and safety and biosecurity risks, and potential impacts of animal activist activity on Victorian farms, to Victoria's economy and international reputation;

Animal activist always have taken measures to minimise bio security risks. Many factory farms themselves are full of bio security risk. Animal agriculture itself is a risk to this planet, hence climate change. Today we witnessed unregulated back yard slaughter, total biosecurity risk. Without whistleblowers we would know about this..

c. animal activists' compliance with the Livestock Disease Control Act 1994, Livestock Management Act 2010, and the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986;

If slaughter houses had glass walls everyone would be vegan. I have never heard of school excursions to slaughter houses. At ten years old I went to a slaughter house with a mate of my dads who worked there. At 48, I still remember. The fear, the horror and the stench. Totally and utterly horrific. How we can do this to other living creatures is totally beyond my comprehension. These laws need to be updated for a compassionate community.

d. the civil or criminal liability of individuals and organisations who promote or organise participation in unauthorised animal activism activities;

It is astounding to me that people who expose the truth of an already declining industry should be prosecuted. Why is this? The reason is fear, total fear. This is a

multimillion dollar industry that is starting to lose money. People are no longer comfortable eating animal flesh, or drinking cow milk or throwing baby chicks into a macerators, pigs in factory farms, or the live export trade. The world is waking up to the lies and greed of animal agriculture.

e. analyse the incidences and responses of other jurisdictions in Australia and internationally;

Across the world people are going plant based and are more environmentally aware. Especially considering animal agriculture contributes to 20% of climate change. Animal Activists across the planet will continue to expose animal cruelty in peaceful protests.

f. provide recommendations on how the Victorian Government and industry could improve protections for farmers' privacy, businesses, and the integrity of our biosecurity system and animal welfare outcomes, whether through law reform or other measure

Throughout history injustices has always been called out, an outcry, a stance, a defiance. What we are seeing today is no different. This is about compassionate people taking a stand against the industries who use animals for profit without their consent. No animal wants to die for the pleasure of people. Animals are treated like slaves in dark dirty conditions and then slaughtered in horrible ways. Sentient beings deserve better. We don't need new laws for animal protectors, we need new laws for animal agriculture.

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