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

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I do not believe that penalties should be applied to Peaceful protest from animal advocates. I do not believe that farmers are threatened or adversely effected if they are ethically doing the right things. The animal advocate community are as a general rule peaceful compassionate people who wish to highlight the plight of our seemingly forgotten individuals in animal agriculture, that is the sentient animals themselves. They are not simple numbers on the shelf or cogs in the machine. They feel and suffer as you and I do. Sit-Ins and educational peaceful protest is one of the ways to help educate the public, who is often the consumer also of course but for everyone. Informed consent is what our society expects and that is not the current situation or process . There seems to be a strong desire from the animal agriculture industry to hide their secrets and this will make all wonder why. Transparency is absolutely required and expected. Reports in to animal welfare just this year indicate what our society wants. That of improved conditions for animal welfare. CCTV should be mandatory and monitored in all slaughter premises to remove the so called rogue individuals and what industry falsely claims as 'once off' unfortunate events with damming evidence of cruelty. This would not be known without the whistleblower and could then not be acted upon. In all industry whistleblowers should be protected and encouraged. We teach our children to stand up for what is right and 'Crime Stoppers' tells us to report what is wrong. We have evolved as a society have we not and our animals need laws for all farm animals to protect them. Farmers are not adversely effected, and they are not threatened personally, these are peaceful compassionate people for the most part, not violent or aggressive ever in my experience. The reputation and standing of our farmers would improve in the view of all both here and overseas If transparency were commonplace and welfare laws initiated, implemented , enforced and adhered to. We then could have faith in a system that is not desperate to hide their animal management practices. These animals feel and experience as we do and deserve better than our current system.

Thank you for your time

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