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

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I am an average Joeline. I'm a meat eater but I do not support animal cruelty in any way. I would like to know that the meat I eat comes from a place where the animal has been treated humanely and killed humanely. This should be straightforward in a country like Australia.

However, It is difficult to know where to purchase meat and dairy product from, because there is no product information on meat like there is on eggs and some chicken products (bearing in mind the recent Laionica debacle demonstrating that labelling alone is not adequate to ensure humane practices are being adhered to). It is hard for me as a consumer to make informed choices. I do not believe that vegetarianism is the only way to be a true animal lover and I believe the government is responsible for ensuring our animal industries are humane.

It is unacceptable in Australia that scenarios like the recent Koo Wee Rup revelation are being played out. Whistleblowers exist because terrible things like this are taking place in Australia slaughterhouses, animal farms and at other animal-related industrial sites. Because without the whistleblowers, we would not know about this. Because the Australian government does not enforce adequate animal protection in our farming systems.

I hope that as part of this important inquiry you will please consider:

- mandating documentation such as CCTV or record books on processing sites to prevent rogue behaviour
- Legislation improvements; making the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act or a version thereof applicable on farms and in slaughterhouses with amendments and mandated killing methods
- product labelling such as ratings or descriptions as is currently on eggs. This would allow consumers to make informed choices about the products they are purchasing

Thank you
Melinda

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