



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

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The media coverage of animal activists has been heavily biased by vested interests, and remains an uncommon occurrence. In my view, the activists are ultimately justified as the public would otherwise have no visibility into the industries and circumstances from which their food comes. In addition, trespass laws already exist and farmers are allowed to prosecute based on these.

Animal activists observe bio-security precautions, and are entering filthy facilities that do not even practice acceptable hygiene.

There have been no incidences of disease proliferation resulting from activists, anywhere, ever.

Trespass laws cover trespassing, and should be used accordingly and cases heard in a court of law. No additional laws are needed. Free speech is not a crime, and most businesses would be very happy to have free advertising...I am unsure as why these businesses are so reluctant to be advertised.

Similar Ag Gag bills proposed by the animal agriculture lobbies were ruled unconstitutional and were not passed.

More transparency is required from the industries in question, and much stricter and fully enforced animal welfare and cruelty laws put in place.

Thank you.

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