OUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Mr. Mick VEITCH: I have asked all witnesses today this question to try to get both sides. We heard testimony earlier from privacy law experts and that centred around the need for a proper privacy tort in Australia, because we currently do not have such a tort. The scenario is that the same rules should apply to a drone flying over a feedlot to take surveillance footage as apply to a drone taking footage of a third-storey bedroom window of a unit in Sydney if both images are posted to an internet forum. There are similar legal issues around privacy, one in Sydney and the other on the farm. What is your view of the need for a privacy tort or privacy laws in Australia?

As I have no expertise, relevant experience or knowledge in the field of privacy tort law, I am unable to provide an account of my views on this matter.

Mr Scot MacDONALD: I was more asking what is happening overseas. You said in some states overseas there are ag gag laws. Is that right?

A number of American states, including Alabama and Idaho, have ag-gag laws. Many more have seen ag-gag laws introduced only to fail.