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Hello, I would like to add my voice to this submission as I was horrified how the Government of the day and the Media portrayed this topic. They have demonised activists and are trying and succeeding in silencing them. If the farms have nothing to hide and are transparent and abiding by the law, then these heavy handed penalties and rhetoric wouldn't be needed. The government has not listened to the people of Australia when we said we wanted animal welfare to be a huge part of this industry, there is no reason animals should be treated inhumanely with the disrespect that they are behind closed doors. There would be no outcry if this industry was cleaned up and abided by the laws of all animal protection. ALL animals are sentients and those that choose to brutally kill them for profit should be held accountable for ANY breaches as to how these animals are killed. I really detest the word STOCK it sounds like they are things and not beings, we are a diverse species on this earth and we must have respect for these peaceful animals, that have not chosen to be killed and eaten for human consumption. I wish all abatoirs had glass houses as Sir Paul McCathy once said then people would really know what they were choosing to eat. In the absence of this type of society and where big business dictates what is good or bad for us, there MUST be transparency in this industry. If it weren't for whistleblowers we would be in the dark about a lot of things. It is not alright to deceive us we have a right to know how our food is made and human beings must have the decency to respect these animals and give them the best we can. Stop punishing and demonising every day people for doing what is right. Stop demonising people that want to protect animals from suffering, and impose such ridiculous fines, call them names and domestic terrorists is a very ignorant term being thrown around, because they chose a kinder path and eat a plant based diet. Everything shouldn't be about money, it worries me a lot what this government are setting us up for? I am a farmer of vegetables and I farm organically and I live near a dairy so I know what I am talking about. What is this government up to ? There is an emerging Chinese market with an insatiable appetite and it worries me that we are going to be their factory farm. We would do anything for them to profit from them, it is so very sad to me, as they don't even respect human rights and now they may end up dictating to us. If this is the agenda? I wonder?