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**INQUIRY INTO PROVISIONS OF THE RIGHT TO FARM
BILL 2019**

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This bill inhibits the right for all Australians to witness the truth about the treatment of animals in the farming industry. It is against basic human rights to deter people in such a way from exposing the poor life quality and abuse of all farmed animals. It is also a major setback for farmed animals and animal rights as a whole. In my opinion, animal abuse is un-Australian, and hiding animal abuse on top of that is even worse. I have personally lived and worked on dairies, beef farms and free range chicken egg farms, and found that even when standard legal practice is being followed, the animals are subject to abuse, poor conditions by any realistic sanitary standard, physical and emotional trauma, and are subject to torture and abuse before slaughter as sentient beings. The only people to benefit from this bill are the oppressors, the farmers, who profit at the animal's expense, and those with financial interest in animal agriculture. The general public has a right to know how animals are treated as informed consumers. Due to the promotion and false advertising of the animal agriculture industry I was a consumer for many years until finally taking part in the industry and realising it is not right to treat sentient beings as they are being treated. Everyone deserves the right to know what they are paying for, what happens to farmed animals. This bill will inhibit that right. The introduction of this bill will mean that people exposing the truth will be punished more severely than the people committing acts of animal cruelty, abuse and violence, and that is not right or just in any way. I implore you to do what is right for the oppressed individuals, the animals, and in the short term vastly improve welfare conditions and standards, raise the fines for animal cruelty, neglect, abuse and violence, to stop these things from happening, instead of using this bill as an attempt to hide these hideous acts from the general public by using heavy fines and imprisonment as a deterrent to those wanting the truth of these unjust and immoral acts to be shared with all Australians. We are all capable of making better choices, and as Australians we deserve to know everything about what we are paying for. The average Australian is against animal abuse, and the laws should be focussed on eradicating neglect, abuse and violence instead of against sharing knowledge and footage of these acts. I truly hope this government can make the morally just decision and not introduce this right to farm bill.

Sincerely, Zoe Daly