INQUIRY INTO PROVISIONS OF THE RIGHT TO FARM BILL 2019

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The NSW public have the right to know fully and transparently how their food is produced in order to make an informed decision about what they want to buy and consume. In the same way that the public have access to video recordings of parliamentary proceedings to scrutinise our representatives, we should similarly have full access to video recordings of what happens on farms, on livestock transport vehicles, in slaughterhouses, and everywhere in between. If pet dogs were treated the way livestock are currently treated, the public would be outraged and call for legal action against the dog owners. Why the double standard for other animals? Why the cognitive dissonance? Any attempt to restrict investigative journalism into what really happens in the animal agriculture industry is an attempt to deceive the public. If the animal agriculture industry has nothing to hide and are proud of their practices, then they should welcome independent video cameras into their workplaces to freely promote and broadcast their work to the public.