

**INQUIRY INTO PROVISIONS OF THE RIGHT TO FARM
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Having worked in intensive farming for 10 years, I can substantiate the horror stories that have been identified by animal advocates in the past 20 yrs. this law to punish people who expose it while protecting those who commit the crime is an injustice. The only reason the public knows anything about modern farming practices is due to the caring people who have gone out of their way to uncover it & share the truth. What needs to be happening is these practices need to be checked closely by state & federal governments to provide the public assurance that what is going on in these systems is in line with their expectations around animal welfare. To allow a farmer, such as the one from Lakesland NSW, to get away with starving 4000 laying hens yet arresting those who attempted to save the birds is a travesty. The government must offer peace of mind to consumers that farms in NSW are operating with best practice and if not, tighten laws & increase punishment for those not complying. Animal welfare officers should also routinely visit all intensive farms & provide documented feedback on compliance which can be accessed by the public for peace of mind. As it stands, exposing cruelty on farm faces a heavier punishment than for those who facilitate it. The snap laws around this will & should go down in the books as a backward step in farming & animal welfare regulation.