INQUIRY INTO PROVISIONS OF THE RIGHT TO FARM BILL 2019

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I wish to oppose the Right To Farm Legislation that is due to be brought in by the NSW Government. I believe that we need to make farming methods more transparent, and not less transparent. I believe that all animals have the right to life. Whilst I personally do not eat meat, I am not so naive to believe that others do not partake, however, animal husbandry needs to be more managed. Animal cruelty is rife within the farming industry, specifically within factory farming. I am concerned that these new Ag Gag Laws will in effect potentially further harm animals insofar as making it more difficult to obtain access to farms to be able to bear witness on behalf of all animals. The proposed fines may well deter some whistleblowers, but will of course have the trickle down effect on the animals. This Bill appears to be designed to appease those in animal agriculture and not to protect the animals. I urge you all to visit factory farms, to see the sows in their stalls, to witness their suffering, their repeated artificial insemination and production of piglets, followed by their slaughter, having never built a nest for their piglets, having never taught them to root around searching for food, having never felt love, rather only disdain, or less than that, they are after all, money making machines only. I urge you to visit a chicken factory farm, to witness their rapid growth, their inability to stand let alone scratch in the dirt, as chickens should. Have you visited a dairy farm? Have you witnessed cows crying for their calves after birth? I urge you to reconsider this Bill, it will not end well for the animals. One day, we may well all look back on these draconian times and shake our heads in disbelief at how we permitted this cruelty to continue for so long.