

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

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Re: "Right to Farm Legislation"

If the farming/animal agriculture industry have nothing to hide & are doing the right thing then they should welcome any exposure rather than being threatened by it. Animals are sentient beings and are helpless within this industry. They rely on us to protect them. The level of cruelty that they experience is abhorrent and I have no doubt that future generations will be appalled and horrified at the way animals have been treated within this industry. The only way that the cruel treatment has been brought to light in the past is through animal activists taking risks to expose these cruel practices. Animal activists should not have to take these risks. This is the government's job. There must be transparency and access to monitor these industries and to stop and prevent abuse and illegal practices taking place. This bill is about secrecy, it is about hiding behind the law to continue with the cruel treatment of animals. Without compassion where are we? Who are we? We are behind the times when it comes to the treatment of animals. It is embarrassing to me personally that we are so archaic in our practices and beliefs when it comes to animals. It saddens me to think of the treatment that these beautiful animals are being subjected to every single day of their lives. There is a turning point and a heightened level of consciousness that is happening all around the world now and it is about time! We have a moral obligation to protect these helpless, sentient beings. I will not be voting for politicians who support this bill. It seems to be just about money and protecting industry/farmers which is inexcusable when it comes to turning a blind eye to the continued cruel treatment of animals. If these animals were domestic pets and were treated the way they are within this industry then severe fines and jail terms would be enforced. There is a level of hypocrisy at work here. I think NSW should be leading the way when it comes to supporting the rights of animals within these industries. The only reason an industry does not want to be monitored is if it is doing the wrong thing, engaging in illegal practices and wanting to continue with this. This cannot be allowed. This must be stopped.

These laws pose a threat to a wide spectrum of values and issues Australians care about. Social issues potentially negatively impacted by these laws include, but are not limited to:

- Animal Welfare
- Food Safety
- Marketplace Transparency
- Workers' Rights
- Free Speech
- Environmental Protection

I am sure that these laws do not reflect the public's will and that the majority of Australians would be in favour of the humane treatment of farm animals.

I urge you, to look into your heart and use your power for goodness. Do what is morally right. Compassion is the only way forward. Let's be on the right side of history.

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated. I hold that the more helpless a creature the more entitled it is to protection by man from the cruelty of humankind." Mahatma Gandhi

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."—Edmund Burke