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I strongly urge the Committee to give animals the status of sentient beings, akin to legislative changes in The Netherlands, other countries, and most recently in the ACT territory. Should the Committee feel their brief in this case is too limited I urge the committee to give agriculture animals the semblance of a voice using new technology, such as public access webcams in animals pens, corridors and transport. In my view both are also in the interest of farmers and agricultural trading companies. With the rise of social media the percentage of "mostly vegetarian" consumer has gone from 3% to close to 23% amongst consumers in larger cities aged 30 years old or less. Ten years from now that'll be 60-65%. Australia's agricultural businesses as a whole would be wise to move quickly to make unnecessary cruelty easy to spot and easy tackle. Only by evolving rapidly will the meat business survive at anywhere near the size it is today.