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**INQUIRY INTO PROVISIONS OF THE RIGHT TO FARM
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The NSW 'Right to Farm' Bill is nothing more than a very cynical attempt to silence 'whistleblowers' from exposing the barbaric atrocities that continue to take place in the Animal Agriculture industry. The suffering and cruelty inflicted on and endured by animals on intensive farms is unacceptable and should not be happening in a modern, progressive, humane and transparent country. But it does. And the only way we can ever know it does is because peaceful activists taking direct action expose the truth. The problem is that the laws are not strong enough to protect these animals and the industry and there is no legitimate means of truly regulating the welfare standards and treatment of animals in these facilities. If NSW implement laws that enable the treatment of these animals to be pushed even further into the dark shadows where suffering and abuse will be able to continue without challenge. Any laws that stop concerned compassionate citizens within a society from exposing and blowing the whistle on atrocities are retrograde and do not help advance us into a better future. The NSW government should not be proposing laws to prevent activists from exposing the truth. They should be radically improving the rights of animals bred for food and introducing strong laws that protect the welfare of these animals. As a citizen of NSW I am extremely concerned about the proposed 'Right To Farm' laws. We need less suffering for animals in this country, not more. The animal agriculture industry needs to be open and transparent not less.