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INQUIRY INTO ANIMAL CRUELTY LAWS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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As an animal lover and activist against cruelty and abuse of animals I wish to express my disappointment in the draconian views of the NSW Government relating to animal welfare laws in NSW. Just recently legislation to protect farmers against individuals who enter farm property for the sole purpose of bringing to light cruelty and abuse to farmers which is being practised on farms in NSW. To my mind this is condoning cruelty and abuse to animals and protecting the perpetrators from being reported and prosecuted. There are bodies currently investigating cruelty who have vested interests in the industries investigated and who are in no way impartial or independent. If NSW insists on tightening security on farms they also need to take measure to make sure that animal abuse and cruelty is monitored such as making CCTV cameras in factory farms and abattoirs compulsory and also monitored by an independent animal welfare body where the board members are not involved in any way in industries that exploit and gain financial rewards from animals. Currently the only people bringing abuse and cruelty to animals to light are either charities or individuals who rise fines and possible imprisonment.