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Dear Senators,

We have read that the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee is inquiring into *Criminal Code Amendment (Animal Protection) Bill 2015*. Our inquiries have alarmed me and prompted our family to write to the Committee to express our opposition to the so called “ag-gag”. These proposed laws would hinder brave and committed animal activists from shining a light on despicable acts of animal cruelty.

Again and again, industry bodies say the all is well, but it is only when footage like that which recently aired on *Four Corners* is made public that the true situation is made known. Whistleblowers who do these exposes should not be subjected to prosecution—they should be commended.

Yours truly,

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