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The Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Rural and
Regional Affairs and Transport
Parliament House
CANBERRA, ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam,

We and our friends are increasingly concerned with regard to animal welfare and the suffering of animals brought about by the continuation of cruel farm practices; such as caged birds, indoor piggeries, live export of sheep etc., where economic considerations so dominate as to allow these practices to continue.

We understand that current laws dealing with animal welfare are the responsibility of individual States and Territories, which, with regard to animal welfare, is a totally unsatisfactory situation, for surely all farm animals throughout Australia should be uniformly free from cruel practices, and treated with kindness.

We are also concerned with the terms which currently frequent supermarket shelves, such as 'free-range', 'bred free-range', 'grain fed', 'organic' and 'biodynamic', and an endless variety of unidentified terms or labels that are completely devoid of any information on the farm production method.

We ask that your Committee work towards improving the treatment of farm animals, and more accurate labelling of farm produce.

Sincerely,

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