
I am writing to express my concern about the introduction of Liberal Senator Chris Back's Ag-Gag Bill, entitled the Criminal Code Amendment Animal Protection Bill 2014 (Cth).

I'm concerned that rather than punishing the perpetrators of animal cruelty, this Bill will unfairly target undercover investigators and investigative journalists who expose animal cruelty. The Bill will also target whistleblowers, who may be deterred from exposing animal cruelty in their workplaces due to fear of losing their jobs.

Without undercover investigations, systemic animal cruelty in factory farms will escape detection. Instead of targeting the messengers, legislators need to focus on ways to strengthen the monitoring and enforcement of existing animal protection laws.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to oppose this Bill.

Yours sincerely,
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