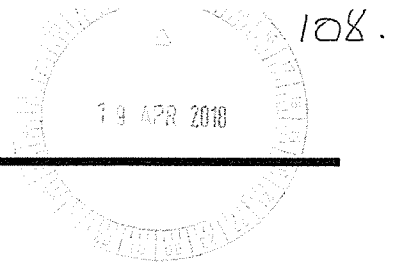


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Submission to Committee

WA Animal Welfare Amendment Bill 2017  
Mr Mark Warner  
Standing Committee on Legislation  
Parliament House, 4 Harvest Terrace  
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Dear Sir,

I wish to comment /make a submission to your committee re changes to the WA Animal Welfare Act.

I am deeply concerned in regards to how the Government is regulating the health safety and welfare of Animals in Australia. I believe that some changes need to be made to make sure that regulations and consequences to breaches of the rules matches industry and community expectations. I am a member of the general public but my grandparents were cattle/sheep farmers in the Wheat belt and my parents had hobby farms running small herds of Cattle untill they retired 15 years ago.

It appears to me that there has been numerous breaches to Animal Welfare regulations in this state, in particular in the livestock transport industry with little or no serious punishment and consequential change in behaviour by this industry. I am 55 years old I have seen the same scenario played out in the newspaper and television with little or no change in behaviour over many years with just more promises followed by another expose.the next time a whistle blower is lucky enough/manages to get inside footage of what is really going on inside the trucks and ships. This industry does not competantly self regulate nor does it self monitor honestly and transparently and it appears to me neither does the government. I can only presume this is because the legislation does not allow the Government to prosecute or demand compliance with regulations ( I hope it is not complicity between Government with this Industry however after so many promises with no actual action or change I am beginning to wonder) .

I believe amendments under consideration should include at the minimum the ability for Inspectors (independent) to be allowed at any time and without notice to inspect an animal business premises. I also think WA should adopt, like all the other states, the Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for the Transport of Livestock into Law including the more recent Sheep Standards and Cattle standards and Saleyard Standards.

I'm not a farmer myself but I do know it's a business that will always involve a certain level of suffering, but no business should ever be allowed to cause this much suffering, cruelty and environmental damage and get away with it. The law needs to be amended. I suspect the markets buying our live animals, expect a lot more from the product than what is happening at the present moment. I know I certainly do.

Yours sincerely

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