Legislation Committee

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Monday, 23 April 2018 1:28 PM

To:

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Subject:

Animal Welfare Amendment Bill 2017

Dear Mr Warner

I write to you to seek your support for the Animal Welfare Amendment Bill 2017. My family and I fully support the Bill. The rest of Australia has already adopted the standards into legislation. I believe it is time for Western Australia to do the same.

Reasons for my support -

- 1. Inspectors currently must give prior notification to enter an animal business. This allows businesses to cover up evidence of animal cruelty prior to inspection. Inspectors must be given the powers to enter animal business without notification. You would be aware of the recent footage of the sheep being subjected to horrendous conditions and treatment. This footage was taken secretly as what happens in these places is often well hidden and rarely made public.
- 2. There needs to be greater transparency and accountability within animal use businesses. This cannot be achieved under the current restrictions faced by animal welfare inspectors in WA.
- 3. The public want to be assured of purchasing humane animal products. This assurance cannot possibly be achieved under present practices.

Please support this Bill. I urge you to demonstrate your sense of compassion, kindness and justice in supporting the Animal Welfare Amendment Bill 2017, giving inspectors the powers to enter animal business places without announcement. This is the only effective way to improve animal welfare standards in WA.

Thank you so much for your time and your support.

Kind regards

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