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Animal Welfare

 **Mr HEAD** (Callide—LNP) (7.06 pm): I refer to recent media reports that prove animal activists are up to their old tricks, rearing their heads within only 48 hours of every mainland state being ruled by Labor governments. Self-confessed criminal Chris Delforce yet again appears in sensationalist footage, this time of pig abattoirs, where he openly states that he is breaking the law. I cannot ignore the fact that these criminals are back to haunt the industries that feed our nation. The scars on families from their terrorising farm invasions of years past are yet to heal. The outrageous, dangerous and illegal actions of these activists blatantly ignore good biosecurity practices, and place food safety at risk.

Through publicising this footage, criminal behaviour and the terrorisation of our food and fibre producers across this nation is being actively encouraged. We in the bush remember the distress, pain and anxiety caused by the atrocious live export ban in 2011, which was triggered by sensationalised footage released in an ABC *Four Corners* report.

Chris Delforce founded Aussie Farms, a politically motivated animal activist website that encouraged and promoted those illegal farm invasions. This recent footage neglects so many facts and fails to answer so many questions. Firstly, where are these abattoirs? For all we know they could well be in another country. Secondly, the story suggested he was filming all day, yet there were only a couple of clips shown. What happened to the rest of the footage? It is possible that Chris himself, or another party, intentionally stressed these animals for this sensationalist footage, as has been done by animal activists in the past.

I table this statement from Australian Pork released today, and note they are seeking to receive and review the full footage. Given they have had to ask for this proves that these activists are more concerned about getting media and attention than animal welfare.

Tabled paper: Statement by Australian Pork, dated 28 March 2023, titled 'ABC's 7.30 Report: CO2 stunning in pigs' [380](#).

The data originally published on the Aussie Farms website at the time of its launch was not readily available, in quantity, on the public record. There were a number of well-founded accusations that this information was leaked from government departments by the very people who are meant to serve the public in a fair and unbiased manner. As Chris's mother was a senior member of a government department, I also suggest these accusations are likely true.

For the record, no farmer in this country spends their day, from sunrise to sunset, raising animals in a humane manner, to see them dispatched in a way that is not as humane as possible. That is simply not the Australian way. We lead the world with animal welfare standards, and we are proud to do so. For the record, I also table a printout of Australian Pork's Virtual Tour website which shows the entire pork supply chain.

Tabled paper: Document, undated, titled 'Australian Pork: Virtual Tour of the Australian pork supply chain' [381](#).

I warn all primary producers of this—

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