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Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir or Madam:

In 1933 and 1936, the Nazi Government enacted the first western Animal Protection Acts, essentially giving animals more rights than humans. These Acts of Parliament did nothing to raise the standards of animals, but in effect lowered the rights of humans, causing mass suffering on an industrial scale, making a mockery of civilisation.

Currently in Australia, another Federal Government funded organisation, Animal Health Australia (AHA), has produced a document of beef and sheep industry laws and guidelines under the guise of “improved animal welfare” practices. It is voluminous, with the final submission date passing for most of our unsuspecting farming community.

Ostensibly, the AHA in conjunction with Wool producers and Sheepmeats Council, has prescribed a new code of farm animal practice, that takes away many rights that farmers have taken for granted, and instead, gives fundamental rights to farm animals under new codes of proposed law.

Just some notable examples:

- New bans on mulesing for older lambs
- Farmers and shearers can no longer work sheep by “handing the wool”
- Farmers have to undergo special TAFE training along with their workers to farm sheep and beef cattle, a virtually “licence to farm”.
- Farmers will be totally liable for any unlawful welfare outcome on their property, regardless of who is involved.
- Working dogs have to be muzzled and controlled.

The list goes on and on.





AWGA - News Update

Surely it's about time that political parties started thinking about the welfare and future of farmers as a priority. Where are the laws protecting farmers from the unremitting tide of professional seat polishers in Canberra, whose sole purpose is to make life hell for anyone having a go on the land?

What a sad joke to suggest that Aussie farmers will be the food bowl for Asia, with such negative imposts being proposed by AHA and their federally funded and unrepresentative minions, WoolProducers and Sheepmeats Council.

Australian Woolgrowers Association has asked our levy body, AWI to call an immediate sheep industry taskforce meeting to discuss, debate, and resolve these serious threats to our sheep industry future.

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