2014 Voiceless Animal Law Lecture Series

Ag-gag Laws: The Bid to Silence Animal Advocates

Governments in the US have begun to threaten the work of animal advocates through the introduction of ‘ag-gag’ laws which make it illegal to covertly videotape livestock facilities.

US ag-gag laws are reinforced at a federal level by the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act which labels any form of non-violent resistance that threatens agricultural profits as an act of ‘domestic terrorism’.

The 2014 Voiceless Animal Law Lecture Series will examine the rise of ag-gag laws in Australia, and their effect on transparency and public discourse. To present this topic, Voiceless is proud to welcome award-winning journalist and one of America’s foremost ag-gag experts, Will Potter, as our keynote speaker.

The lecture series will explore the use and manipulation of politics, the media and the law by agribusiness to demonise and undermine the animal protection movement, and incite fear within the public.

Date: Monday 19 May 2014
Time: 6.30 – 8.00pm (doors open at 6.00pm)
Venue: Australian National University
ANU College of Law
Law Theatre (Building 5)
Fellows Road
Acton, ACT

Register now: www.voiceless.org.au/lecture

This lecture will be chaired by Voiceless Legal Counsel, Emmanuel Giuffre. An analysis of campaigns by Australian animal activists involving undercover footage will be provided by Tara Ward, lecturer in animal law at the University of NSW.

Continuing Professional Development
If this lecture is relevant to your immediate or long term needs in relation to your professional development and practice of the law, then you may be entitled to claim CPD points or equivalent for your attendance.