

**Submission
No 8**

**PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS AMENDMENT (VIRTUAL STOCK
FENCING) BILL 2024**

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I am a sheep farmer in the ACT. Regenerative farming practices for better soil management and carbon capture require stock to heavily graze small paddocks for short periods. As it is generally impractical to divide up ones existing paddocks to meet the requirements of this innovative practice, temporary fencing is the realistic solution. Using electric fences is the current (excuse the pun) way to do it but is still imperfect. eFencing promises to deliver an approach that is better for the soil, the climate and the animals. It would be a tragedy if it were not allowed in Australia.