

**Submission
No 9**

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

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I run Sheep and Cattle on my property in NSW. To run the cattle best to suit the land and the seasons I need to constantly hold cattle over seasonal grasses. This is purely environmental and best practices for the country and the native grasses on it. Without the use of collars on cattle this is impossible and impractical. The cost of fencing or labour to move fences is not a viable option. By not having these collars allowed in NSW the people stopping it are doing damage to the environment by forcing pastoralists to use long past traditional methods of over grazing the land. You need to over graze fenced areas to be able to get the livestock onto the areas that need pushing down. Please contact me if you require more information. Livestock collars are an essential part of future grazing in the world. Digging Iron ore to make steel for fencing is ridiculous and environmentally damaging. Grazing with in fenced areas is contributing to desertification. The NSW government are responsible for the hold on the cattle collars and as a result responsible for the not innovating for the future and using what is available. The cattle listen to the Beep of the not the Zap of the electricity. All cattle are already electrified by electric fences and they only hit it once to learn.

Please contact me if you require more of my opinion or debate.

Kind regards

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