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

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Virtual fencing would be a great tool and of large benefit to many operations. To be able to control your stocking rates and density's in a highly flexible way with out the need for lots of infrastructure (fencing) and labour will benefit the plants, soil and ultimately the stock grazing on those pastures. It will also allow the free movement of all native wildlife that a traditional fence may otherwise hinder. Virtual fencing will also make the excluding off of ecologically important or vulnerable areas more likely as it will be so easy to do so. Eg tree corridors, rivers, marshes, etc. Animals will quickly learn the collars audio and electric features and so will learn the set areas quickly and without stress.