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**INQUIRY INTO PROVISIONS OF THE RIGHT TO FARM
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The right to protest is an important part of Australian free speech. History has shown protest has had positive outcomes for society. The right for women to vote came about from protest. The right for aboriginal people to be accepted in society came about from protest. The Franklin Dam, Washpool National Park were all important events in history that have had positive outcomes from protesting. To lose the right to protest is losing democracy & free speech. When people stand up & protest - there is a problem that needs scrutiny. In these times of greed and over population much stress is being placed on our resources. To ensure future generations are provided with a safe world it is imperative that people can raise concerns to protect both social and environmental values. This is a time of great change and it is important that people, not corporates or governments are given the right to speak and be heard. I fear the voice of people is being taken away. Newspapers owned by corporates. The ABC being under funded and harassed. These are two examples of information being restricted to the public. This is Australia not China - please protect our right to protest and speak up for what is not right.