

**Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO PROVISIONS OF THE RIGHT TO FARM
BILL 2019**

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To the committee for the inquiry into the right to farm bill, I write to you with deep concerns about the implications that this bill will have if it were to be passed in full. We are now in a time of a climate emergency. Sea levels are rising, the drought is crippling our farmers and fires decimating our ecosystems. The people have been crying out for action for thirty years and have been completely ignored by government. Now in the final years of opportunity it is essential that our democracy maintains the right to peaceful protest. Our respectful participation in due process has utterly failed us and now we feel we have no choice other than to escalate or action in the face of escalating global emergency. Increasing the penalty for unlawful entry onto enclosed lands from \$5,500 to \$22,000 or 3 years imprisonment is a concerning overreach of NSW government power. The name of this bill is very deceptive. Far from being about farmers and their rights, this bill encompasses the currently legitimate protest of any business, anywhere- even inside offices. This is a direct attack on all forms of protest. This is clearly designed to stop the community from drawing attention to projects and practices that it deems unjust and dangerous for the future of our own kind as well as other species. We are on the brink of the sixth mass extinction. Instead of passing bills to limit the ability of the people to stop this, please pass bills that regulate industries and their exploitative practices that abuse our land, water and air. Sincerely, Charlotte