

**INQUIRY INTO PROVISIONS OF THE RIGHT TO FARM
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Trespass, was already exists and farmers already have the right to prosecute anyone who trespasses on their land. As has become evident from recent inquiries into both banking and the aged care sector, when broad based investigations occur, much has been found wanting and very serious issues have been uncovered because of these inquiries. It allows both government and the general population to assess what isn't working and implement changes. The same is true of farming. There have been numerous examples of terrible farming practices which has always been the reason that activists have trespassed for, in an attempt to try and highlight deficiencies. In these times when drought is putting intense pressure on farmers, it is all too easy to introduce laws that seek to protect them when they are at their most vulnerable yet in doing so, prohibit the right of the general population to know that the food chain is as transparent as possible and that standards are scrutinised for effectiveness. Animal welfare cannot be an afterthought and left to self regulation. There are just too many examples of poor practice and implementation and this is cause for grave concerns. I believe this new legislation will suffocate any attempt to show where the system is working poorly and where animal suffering is beyond what the general public would want. Any legislation that decreases transparency is a step in the wrong direction. Please reconsider the real reason why this is being implemented. Others inquiries have shown the need for investigation and farming is no different.