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**INQUIRY INTO PROVISIONS OF THE RIGHT TO FARM
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Today I received an email from Mr Toole, Bathurst MP. I took exception to the email which was encouraging me to support the Right to Farm Act. The language used referenced vegans and animal activists in a derogatory manner. I am not a vegan, and nor should it matter if I am or not! I believe that our farming methods are cruel and inhumane. Sentient beings are used as commodities and little care is given to their welfare unless it is in pursuit of the dollar. I care about animals and these animals do not have a voice. Their suffering is on our hands. I also care about farmers, having come from a long line of farmers. However we can do so much better. Mr Toole's email began with the suggestion that should I wish to eat I should sign support for the Right to Farm Act. That is pure manipulation. I believe wholeheartedly that farmers and everyone else should be held accountable for their methods and treatment of sentient, caring animals who suffer the way you and I do. I am outraged at the plans to take away this external accountability by fining and/or jailing activists who wish to illuminate the shoddy, cruel and disgusting treatment of farmed animals. In no way should this Bill be passed. Judith Clark