

**Submission  
No 48**

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

**Name:** Mr William Douglas

**Date Received:** 27 September 2019

---

Protest is legal. The "Right To Farm Bill" seeks to criminalise peaceful public protest not only against those objecting to inhumane farming practices but in other settings not related to farming: public lands, roads, State forests, schools. All that is required to turn a legal and acceptable, perhaps necessary part of the democratic process, into a crime is the declaration of ANY piece of land as "inclosed". The bill should be termed "The Attack on Democracy Bill". Without protest and civil disobedience there would still be slavery, apartheid, child labour, disenfranchisement of minorities, the vote for propertied white men only, women treated as the lawful possessions of their fathers then their husbands, marriage inequality and Terra Nullius. The list is long and illuminating. Reject the bill in its entirety. Better still enforce the laws around agriculture to criminalise inhumane treatment of animals, live exports, water theft, destruction of ecologically endangered communities on private land etc. Now that would be a bill that serves a society-wide useful purpose.