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

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I am a passionate advocate for animal welfare, because we are all connected and it is vitally important for us to see from all sides of the debate on the issue of the Right to Farm Bill. We all need transparency and even more so when we are working with other's lives. The HORRIFIC videos showing the degradation of animal lives on intensive farms brings me to tears. Those of the

and the hidden videos of the cruelty involved in the killing of young calves, all point to the absolute necessity in policing and allowing others to see, visit, complain, stand for, investigate and encourage whistleblowers to tell all of us what is happening.

I was a teacher and learnt how important it is to show children what KINDNESS is, for them to function successfully. I have realised it is the most important thing anyone can aquire. Without it we do not function. Teaching children kindness towards animals is the most relevant means to teach this vital attitude. As is seen in these dreadful videos this structure is missing in the farming practices of the owners of these establishments. And this is why the Right to Farm needs overseeing.

We need animals. The agribusiness is important. But it must be open for all to see. The Right to Farm shuts out a large group of those who want to see it continue in a humane, respectful way. This is obvious from the many, many scenes and videos of animal cruelty in this business. It will worry me if the Right to Farm Bill passes. It will worry me because of the cruelty to beautiful creatures. It will worry me because people will still see, or smell or hear the grotesque practices occurring and not be able to stand against it. Neighbours will be unable to complain if they know something is wrong. It will worry me because our hands will be tied and the brutality will continue.

I am passionate, but I believe by being so, I am more human, more caring. Please don't allow animals to suffer because of this Bill.