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**INQUIRY INTO PROVISIONS OF THE RIGHT TO FARM
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The "right to farm" is not in question here. The abuse of, and cruelty to, agricultural animals is! Animal activists and whistleblowers are only concerned about animal welfare...not about harassing farmers or causing wilful damage to property. Much is made of the biosecurity issues supposedly involved when activists enter properties...however, there has been NOT ONE biosecurity event from this sort of activity..EVER! There HAVE been significant biosecurity breaches on the part of farmers however, including the illegal import of foreign boar semen, rats seen running around livestock enclosures and many instances of animals standing in significant amounts of their own waste. If cruelty for profit was not an issue...and farmers do not accept that there is cruelty at many levels towards their animals why are farmers against transparency regarding the housing and treatment of their animals? Why will they not accept CC TV monitoring in their animal sheds etc? This security surveillance would confirm or refute the issue of any cruelty on farms. Profit at any cost in the agricultural sector is the issue here...and outright cruelty and abuse of any animal species is not acceptable! It is unconscionable behaviour and the legislation to protect perpetrators of such cruelty and abuse needs to be abandoned.