

**Submission
No 153**

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

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Dear Sirs

I acknowledge the terms of reference for the bill “Right to Farm 2019” and understand the devastating outcomes for **animals** who suffer further from protesters trespassing property through increasing risk of cross contamination, infection and at times death.

My concern regarding the severity of this bill, however, stems from the fact that it has the potential to impact those who choose to make silent, peaceful protests that do not impose risk to animals. You must acknowledge that those that protest so strongly are driven to trespass by disgust and outrage at the treatment of these ‘farmed’ animals and the lack of concern for their wellbeing by the government. However, this bill as it stands targets peaceful demonstrators, not trespassing, subject to potential jail time and extortionate fines, regardless of the nature of their protest. The outcome of this is that you are, in effect, removing their right to object and favouring those that are allowing animals to suffer for their own greed. The introduction of this bill condones practices of animal cruelty by those who observe their stock as merely a commodity and not as sentient beings that deserve an existence free of cruelty, whatever the purpose of their life is.

I strongly recommend the introduction of a clause that accommodates those who protest in peace at the way these animals are treated rather than subject them to the same penalties as those that impose risk to the animals.

Faithfully,

Samantha Ryan