

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

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The “Right to Farm Bill” is an aggressive agricultural gagging attempt that is out of line with community expectations on animal welfare.

The Bill will impact on civil liberties, including the rights of neighbours to live on their property peacefully, the right to peaceful protest and the ability of whistleblowers to report animal cruelty.

Jailing those who expose animal cruelty is not the answer, and this added threat to whistleblowers is simply another attempt to stifle the public’s right to know about what goes on behind closed doors in the animal agribusiness industry.

I urge you to refute the 'Right to Farm' Bill and to engage in in-depth consultation with other stakeholders including whistle blowers, animal rights organisations and the public. Animal welfare comes before profits. It must if we are to truly forge an humane society.

Thank you.