

**Submission
No 179**

**INQUIRY INTO PROVISIONS OF THE RIGHT TO FARM
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I wish to lodge this submission, in opposition to the new ag gag laws that are currently being put forward to protect people who do not need protecting.

I am more concerned with the lack of protection for the real victims of the animal agriculture industry, which are the animals themselves. These laws are completely in opposition to what needs to happen, more investigation and exposure of what conditions many animals are kept in needs to happen. The government needs to investigate every concern that has come to light through the many animal activist whistleblowers. Please do not move forward with these ag gag laws as these are actually going to make it too easy for more animal cruelty to go on without any protection. Ultimately I hope to see more people understand and care about these animals and the suffering they experience at the hands of people who are supposed to be caring for them. Farmers only care about the money they can make from these animals, not about the animals themselves. I look forward to hearing that this proposed new laws are not voted on in Parliament and that the voice of reason and compassion is louder than the deep pockets of big agriculture businesses.