

**Submission
No 199**

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

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The Hon Mark Banasiak MLC
Committee Chair

Dear Sir,

Re; Provisions of the Right to Farm Bill 2019.

Thank you the invitation, indeed the opportunity to convey my strongest possible objection to the proposed Right to Farm Bill 2019. I have read the Terms of Reference and from extension formed the impression it is extremely pervasive and a denunciation of the time honoured right to peaceful assembly

Fortunately, I recently came upon a written article outlining the proposed range of offences and extent of penalties associated with this Bill. These reflect badly the failure by the proponents of this Bill to understand and comprehend the the root cause (s) and therefore ethical, moral and perhaps conscientious considerations are equally valid in the ultimate best interests of society...As the experiences of history show and seemly for the purpose and extremes of these Right to Farm Bill 2019 there will be or there is a source or intent of cruelty or injustice to give rise to an event.. There may be a difference in values and views, within certain boundaries however, the centuries old Right of Peaceful Assembly and expression is paramount and must prevail, I believe.

With respect, it is worth remembering we have all benefited - directly or indirectly - from the protests, outcry or dissent down the ages eg; abolition of capital punishment, slavery, child labour in mines, trial by jury, universal suffrage and women's right to vote, to name just a few..Now, as always it seems the people have to come to the defence of our liberties..

As a 94 year old WW2 veteran I am well aware of the consequences - and alternatives - of the incremental loss of our hard fought for human and civil rights..Much talk and gesture of our freedoms is made in parliament (s) and at ceremonies. There are proposals inherent in Right to Farm Bill 2019 that are not only unreasonable and unethical but betray one of the highest democratic principles " the right of assembly " and the right to " freedom of speech "...

Considering the gravity and potential of this proposed Legislation I respectfully wish the Committee the utmost integrity and fairness in their deliberations.

Thank you.

Yours Sincerely
Raymond J Cox,