

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

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I would like to oppose the Right to Farm bill that is currently under consideration. I believe it will allow farmers to continue illegal and immoral animal welfare practises because scrutiny will be removed.

I am a 60 year old Australian born woman with two children and one grandchild. I believe it is my right as an Australian citizen to oppose any legislation that will undermine the ethical treatment of animals.

The activists who have uncovered horrific treatment of farm animals are not terrorists, they are heroes who have risked much to bring atrocities to light. No group that profits from animals (farmers, corporations) can be trusted to adhere to animal welfare guidelines without proper supervision and clearly whatever supervision government had in place, wasn't working, otherwise the animal rights activists would have found nothing to report.

Please scrap the Right to Farm bill, as it is a draconian back-step in a world that is quickly moving away from animal farming and into plant-based protein alternatives. We have to switch farmers away from cruel animal-farming practises, not protect their privacy to ill-treat their stock with no ramifications.

Regards

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