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**INQUIRY INTO PROVISIONS OF THE RIGHT TO FARM
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Science and common sense unequivocally tells us that all animals, including the ones deemed as mere commodities by the food industry and by extension, society, feel physical and psychological pain and are capable of suffering in the same way as companion animals. For example, pigs have been shown to possess the same level of intelligence as a 3 year old human, yet we disregard their immense suffering in the food system because we want to eat their flesh.

The Animal Industries have been extremely careful to hide their standard farming practices from the eyes of otherwise compassionate and animal loving humans for very obvious reasons in order to ensure they maximize their own profits and growth. They deliberately exempted themselves from accountability for animal cruelty as it pertained to their food production efficiency, for example, the castration, and removal of tails and teeth from male piglets with the use of anesthetic. This would be considered egregious cruelty if done to a dog. This simply does not make sense, and would be considered immoral by any normal person's standards.

There is essentially no protection (and certainly no legitimate, enforceable protection) for the helpless animals caught up in the industrialized food system which is often owned by billionaires and not the small family farms that the industry spokespeople like to portray to the public. Horrific acts of cruelty to farmed animals in food production is not only normal, ubiquitous, systemic, considered standard practice and justified using the term "the right to farm", but is also deliberately and carefully hidden from the public and from consumers because they know it is immoral.

This needs to stop. There must be impartial regulations in place to protect animals in the farming system from the systemic abuse and violence inflicted upon them currently, and a third party, with legitimate actionable jurisdiction should be able to hold them accountable for breaches. Not like the current system where the foxes are guarding the hen house from the revolving door between the agriculture industry and parliament.

“True benevolence or compassion extends itself through the whole of existence and sympathizes with distress of every living creature capable of sensation.” Joseph Addison