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**INQUIRY INTO PROVISIONS OF THE RIGHT TO FARM
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I am appalled at the proposed 'protections' possible for producers of food in presenting this bill. Animal Welfare is not rocket science and lack of adequate welfare practices is not acceptable in this 21stC. The taxpayers, who subsidize this trade, require transparency, not protection for offenders in the handling of animals behind the scene by allowing their treatment to go unquestioned with no accountability. We have become aware of how much cruelty takes place and the lack of regulation and policing in these matters.

If all is well, with nothing to hide, they have nothing to worry about.

Protecting vested interests in this more educated and enlightened world, is short sighted for Governments, and eventually you will have to answer for a lack of leadership.

These Ag-Gag laws proposed show complicity with the perpetrators of insufficient Welfare practices and obviously blatant cruelty towards our livestock and animals produced for food.

Please consider leadership, integrity and some morality in considering this bill.