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**INQUIRY INTO PROVISIONS OF THE RIGHT TO FARM  
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I would like to voice my concern over the "Right to Farm" legislation currently being debated in Parliament. While I understand farmers rights to be protected from the enthusiasm of animal activists to protest against the "standard practices" used in farming which can be abusive and painful for these animals I am also concerned that without activists and whistleblowers trespassing on farm land to uncover abuse and cruelty to farm animals those farmers who are guilty of these crimes will go unnoticed and unpunished. It seems clear from the past decade of animal abuse both here and overseas being reported by concerned citizens that the most effective reporting has sometimes involved illegal film footage taken on private premises. Instead of introducing legislation which will effectively protect those guilty of animal abuse we should instead be looking at more independent observers and strategies such as CCTV being mandatory wherever animals are being held or slaughtered.