

**Submission
No 305**

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

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RIGHT TO FARM BILL 2019

Dear Committee,

As a voter in this state I would like to express my objection to this bill.

No industry should be allowed to carry out their business in secret, especially when it involves the breeding, handling and slaughter of animals, or forestry.

I feel it is a democratic right of all people in a democratic society to expose and report cruel practices within animal industries and be free to protest in situations where the public has a right to be made aware of these practices.

We would not need a farm bill if animal welfare laws in farming industries were tightened, policed and enforced by state funded law enforcement bodies. Instead it is left to a charity to investigate and prosecute animal cruelty. Transparency in the industry would also negate the perceived need for this bill. For example, CCTV in slaughter houses and factory farms could be made mandatory, this would immediately weed out the bad operators and encourage good animal husbandry and humane treatment.

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission.

Your Sincerely,

Catherine Blasonato