

Submission
No 307

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

Name: Mr David Nicholson

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Dear Sir / Madam,

I have great concerns about the proposed Right to Farm Bill as drafted. While I have no argument that all citizens have the right to feel safe in their homes and in undertaking their vocation, I also have firm views that all citizens have the right to voice their concerns and demonstrate their commitment towards their cause within the fundamental Australian democratic principles. That is, it should not be illegal to show cause through demonstration, that an act such as animal cruelty is inconsistent with the fundamental tenant of compassion towards sentient beings. The Bill as drafted includes penalties that are so great that these fundamental democratic principles will be at risk. Clearly every Australian should be concerned about this and as our democratically elected representatives it is your duty to consider the consequences of this Bill which goes well beyond intention.

Kind regards,

David Nicholson