

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

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Right to Farm

The objectives of this bill suggest that the laws of agriculture are set in stone and that humanity cannot change and improve its' standards/laws. We want the standards raised especially regarding the treatment of animals. New farmers from foreign lands may have very different and lower standards and practices and we know that some people put money above all else.

The name for the bill 'Right to Farm' does not match the objective. We already have a right to farm, it's the way the farmer farms that may be causing problems for people who love animals.

How do we know if a commercial agricultural activity is lawful unless it can be checked occasionally? Farming should never be secret! If it is secret, someone is doing something for which they are ashamed. Make the law 'Right to Check'.

The human race must be allowed to become more humane. The cheapest and most expedient farm practice is not always acceptable anymore.

Clause 5-how can we not allow a judge to order the cessation of an any activity until it has been modified or reduced. Do we no longer respect judges? Remedy needs to happen BEFORE the offending farmer can continue. We are animals so we can well imagine how an animal may feel. We must stop cruelty. Let judges judge.

This is a bill that protects the unkindest people and punishes the kind people.

Please do not pass it. I am not a vegan or a vegetarian and have donated to farmers on many occasions.

Yours sincerely,

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