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

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The proposed Right to Farm Bill is poor legislation as its intended use is to suppress the rights of New South Wales citizens to report abuse of animals in agriculture and/or abuses of the environment. There is already sufficient protection for farmers to carry out their business without this legislation.

There have been no reported incidents of violence or damage to property. This bill has been proposed for the sole purpose of silencing the voice of individuals with genuine concern for the welfare of animals and the environment. Moreover, the concern for animal welfare and the environment is not confined to this state but is of increasing importance to people globally.

Our rights as citizens are under constant erosion by vested interests. This is simply not acceptable under our democratic system of government and as such, the NSW government is beholden to its citizens and should ensure that any legislation does not undermine their basic rights.