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**INQUIRY INTO PROVISIONS OF THE RIGHT TO FARM  
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I, like most Australians, was raised with values of fairness, justice and helping those in need. In my life, I have worked to live up to those values and have believed along the way that the law-making entities and the government that represents me would do the same.

The proposed 'right to farm' bill in its current form would be a disgraceful aberration from these values. Not only would we be accepting that corporate interests are more important than the public's right to peacefully protest, but we would also be accepting that protecting corporate interests is more important than protecting innocent and intelligent animals from unnecessary suffering. Animals that are no different to our own pets who are protected by the law; at least not in any meaningful way.

If we begin to punish the exposing of harm more than we punish the committing of harm, we are saying that we would rather allow the continuation of suffering covered by ignorance than do work to end the suffering.

I was raised to think that the laws of a society not only reflect but progress that society's values. I cannot, in good conscience, being myself to support a policy which not only does not reflect my values and those of my fellow countrymen, but works directly to degrade these values and their upholding.

I would encourage those involved in the ratification of this bill to also consider this mismatch in values and to act in a way that aligns with your values, not with lobbying interests.