

To whom it may concern,

We recently installed 4 GEA Monobox robotic milking palours, which are the first of it's kind in the Southern Hemisphere. As a result of the intense interest, we held 2 open days in April of this year for interested parties to come and speak with us, and industry people about the system. Much discussion was held leading up to the 2 days about the threat of animal activists storming our property and interrupting the days, to the point where, early in that week, the event was almost cancelled.

We also had a local TV station want to come and interview us for their nightly news, but, after much thought and discussion within our family, we eventually turned down the offer, as we did not want to bring any unwanted attention to ourselves by these animal activists, or to end up with our name and address added to the Aussie Farms map.

As a result of our business, we sponsor 2 local sporting clubs and have contributed greatly to our local town by supporting local businesses. We also employ 1 full time employee and a casual.

The welfare of our animals are our greatest concern, and we have often been applauded about the care and compassion we have for our stock. They are our greatest asset, and their wellbeing is our absolute priority.

I was dismayed at the paltry \$1 fine that activists received from local courts for trespassing and stealing a farmers livestock. Fines need to be upwards of \$10,000 to deter these misinformed groups from not only hurting our livelihoods, but also protecting the biosecurity of our farms.

Please, please as a matter of urgency, make some changes to the current system. The mental health of every Australian farmer depends on it!

Yours Sincerely,

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