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From: Brendan Rea
Sent: Thursday, 6 June 2019 3:01 PM
To: CSO
Subject: Inquiry into the Impact of Animal Rights Activism

Dear Members of the Inquiry,

I would like to make a submission to the Inquiry about the potential threat to the Victorian dairy industry and my farming business.

I own and operate a 850 cow dairy farm at Allansford in Victoria. My business employs 8 people who live locally with their families. These employees are fearful and worried about the consequences that the unlawful activities of the animal activists may have on their safety and security.

We produce in excess of 20,000 litres of high quality of milk each day, which supports the employment of many people in the processing and manufacturing plants, which flows on to many jobs locally.

I am very concerned about the impact that the unlawful activities could have on the workplace health and safety of my employees. I also am concerned about the biosecurity risk that unauthorised visitors could provide to my farming operations.

Victorian dairyfarmers generally have a great global reputation for producing safe and high quality produce. We also take fantastic care of our farmland and our animals. We don't need the reputation of our produce tarnished or our markets put at risk by the false assertions of radical minority groups, or their unlawful trespass threat to our biosecurity. I would hope that the Victorian Government takes the appropriate actions to prevent this from happening.

Yours Sincerely,

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