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The Secretary

Legislative Council, Economy and Infrastructure Committee

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G'day,

I am writing to express my concerns to the Inquiry of the Impact of Animal Rights Activism on Victorian Agriculture.

I am a young farmer and help work on my grandparent's farm. I know the effect these animal activists will have on current and future farmers.

My Grandparents where born and bred up on the land in Victoria and have seen good and bad changes that have happen on the land in Victoria.

What concerns me is that these animal rights groups have been stealing livestock from farms and saleyards but only get away with a One Dollar Fine. How is this acceptable? These vegan animal rights groups think it is ok to steal livestock because there is not a tough

penalty for their actions. Animal Rights Group stealing livestock putting in the back of their little city car and taking the livestock in the boot to a highly polluted city (Melbourne) and give the young calf or lamb vegetables.

This is ridiculous but it is true what these vegans are doing. They even put nappies on them and also live with them in their house.

This will cause so much stress for the animal and they will not survive because they need space, water and hay. It will cause more harm than good keeping livestock in Melbourne or urban areas.

If they were true animal lovers, they would buy land for their stolen livestock to live and buy good quality hay and not a nappy in their town house. You can not keep a calf or lamb in your living room.

The Animal Rights groups have also been trespassing on farms to steal or take images on livestock for their social media accounts. Having vegan animal activists taking photos of cows and sheep on a truck is ridicules.

Trespassing is against the law and they shall face the full force of the law. Farmers cannot leave their property without someone watching because animal activists will trespass and steal.

Why should animal activists be crowned loving people that steal and trespass on farms?

The Agricultural industry in Australia is a \$60 billion industry that provides jobs and income to rural and regional Australians and Victorians. Country towns and rural districts need the Agricultural industry to survive to keep people country towns.

Animal Activism has major effect on the welfare of Livestock and a massive impact on regional, rural districts and communities.

Kind Regards,
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