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To the Parliamentary Committee

I am a passionate pig producer, industry leader and community member, based in North Central Victoria.

The health and welfare of my pigs is the number one concern for me and my staff. As an Industry my opinion is we are world leaders when it comes to animal welfare (example is we were the first country to volunteer to remove sow stalls) and our quality assurance program is world class.

The threat animal activists pose to the biosecurity of my farm is immense. We take biosecurity extremely serious with all staff showering in and we supply all clothing and boots, regularly having biosecurity training events and no pigs have been brought onto the farm since 2005.

We are a family farm and the safety of my family, my staff and my staff's family is always a great concern, especially when animal activists invade and harass farmers.

The Australian Pork Industry contributed more than \$5.2 billion to Australia's GDP in 2015-16. Victoria as a State contributes more than any other State. In 2015-16 the Pig Industry in Victoria supported 3,099 full time jobs, more than any other State. These jobs generated \$228 million in household incomes for Victorian families. Our farm alone directly employs 10 full time staff and has my family, my brothers family and my parents all working in the business. This does not even include the indirect employment at feed mills, trucking, hardware etc.

I am a legally operating pig producer and I just want the ability to grow food and contribute to the economy. Illegal trespass of animal activists is illegal and the system needs to support farmers.

Regards
Tim Kingma

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