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My husband, along with his brother, sister and nephew run a family dairy farm milking approximately 650 cows. The farm, which has been family owned for 4 generations, also employs 2 casual milker's. We live in a small country town in south west Victoria which relies on the farming community to contribute to the local economy. Our milk is used to make nutritious dairy products which not only supply the domestic market, but are exported all over the world due to the quality of our milk. The dairy industry is very heavily regulated, with dairy processors having strict animal welfare standards. Our animals, like all dairy farmers I know, are extremely well cared for. We do not want strangers entering our property with total disregard for the bio security of our farm, or the occupational health and safety risks. Websites which map farms with the expressed purpose of inciting hate towards farming enterprises, and encouraging people to trespass, should be banned. Animal activists pose an unacceptable risk, not only of physical harm, but also mental welfare of farmers. The current laws are totally inadequate, when someone can enter a property, steal live stock, make threats and terrorise farmers both to face and online, when the courts only fine them \$1.00 without conviction. Farming is a legitimate and necessary industry and we should be free to grow food and contribute to the economy, without fear of a radical, but vocal group who would like to extinguish all animal farming. Please, I beg you, strengthen laws to protect farmers from unlawful harassment.

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