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Subject: Protecting Farmers from farm invasion - submission

Hello,

I am forwarding my submission in support of drastically tightening farm invasion trespass laws in the state of Victoria.

We cannot stand by and see our agricultural sector assaulted with farm invasions of a terrorist like nature, without those responsible facing the full force of our state laws with mandatory penalties imposed.

Magistrates in our court system have played the soft approach for far too long with these criminals, with laughable penalties that do nothing but inspire and empower radical animal activists to escalate their tactics and media stunts.

Like other states and federal govt's are currently expediting , the Victorian State Govt needs to recognise the want of the people and draw a definitive line in the sand against persons conducting this activity..That time is now.

I strongly urge this inquiry to find that Victoria needs to drastically prioritise protecting ALL agricultural and recreational sectors, ie (hunting and fishing) from this out of control persecution of innocent Victorians.

I would like to see mandatory penalties implied, as individual magistrates have far too much opportunity for creativity in sentencing.

Finally I hope to see our State laws protect the innocent, not empower the guilty.

Best rgds

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