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**From:** Peter and Robyn Sandy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, 27 July 2019 10:04 AM  
**To:** aglawsinquiry  
**Subject:** Requirement for the Better Protection of farmers in Victoria

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a livestock producer of beef and sheep ,It is quite evident that the protection of farmers in Victoria from the illegal entry and interruption of our enterprise needs to be substantially improved. Our ability to undertake our lawful businesses in country Victoria is severely undermined by the threat of these "Animal Activists" who are permitted to create havoc without any legal deterrent from the law. As an example the treatment of "Gippy Goats" near Yarram by these criminals was a clear indication of the lack of support by the Government when they virtually got off any criminal charges. We are situated in a reasonably remote area of Victoria and we feel threatened by the fact that these "activists " could strike at any time with our without our knowledge. Our first concerns in our enterprise is the welfare of our livestock first and foremost, these people neither care about our operation and nor do they have any concept as to what damage they are creating to our operation or the livestock industry as a whole. We feel that we don't have adequate protection from the Law or the Government which further creates anxiety for our wellbeing, we have enough of that at the moment with this extended drought .

We are producers of superfine merino wool, prime lambs and beef cattle we operate on approximately 700 hectares and have part time employees throughout the year . We are active members of our community having nearly 40 years of service to the CFA. Bush nursing ( 20 years as Secretary) and sporting organisations.

We implore the government to show us some support by strengthening the current legislation to deter these activists operating at will and doing irreparable damage to our industry.

Yours Sincerely

Peter Sandy [REDACTED]

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