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The Warragul VFF branch and Region 7 UDV branch discussed this deeply concerning issue at length. The farming community and members of the branch are asking for the seriousness of offending to be recognised and the harshest of penalties handed down accordingly. As livestock farmers we pride ourselves on producing wholesome food while adhering to industry best practices and standards. We care for our animals to the best of our ability for the whole of their life. Above all, our farms are our family homes and workplace. The impact of invasion has devastating emotional, mental and financial consequences for us, our children and employees. We all have the right to feel safe. If any of this is constantly challenged by vigilantes, it will have an economically dire impact on individuals and communities. We all contribute so much to biosecurity, with Australia being among the best in the world, so why allow this to be threatened by animal activists wondering from property to property. We don't need to spell out the consequences of a biosecurity breach. We ask again, that this issue be a priority and farmers of all livestock, from bees to bovines, be protected by strong invasion laws.

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