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My concern is that the animal activists have created an environment of fear. We are afraid to leave our farms in fear of someone breaking in. We have to keep every thing locked. We jump at every noise.

Earlier this year an email was circulated from the VFF that an farm invasion was planned. So you dare not leave the farm in fear of someone breaking in. You are held hostage in your house even if it doesn't eventuate.

About April, this year persons in a grey Hylux were observed taking photos of trucks leaving a farm after a pickup.

On the peninsula several farms were invaded, one of which was our own farm. Police attended and were powerless to remove the activists. They finally left when police allowed them to remove 3 birds.

On 6th July there was another invasion on our farm. When the Manager went to investigate, his car was rammed once, they turned and rammed it again, hitting the driver side door & setting off the air backs. It was sheer luck that he hopped back into the car before they hit him. His legs could have been crushed or he could have been killed. He still wakes up in fright at any noise and you feel violated.

The penalty has to be tough enough for it to be a deterrent. As it stands at the moment they don't fear the police or prosecution. The Farmer should be able to run his business and live in peace with his family.

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