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To Whom It May Concern

I am writing this submission on behalf of the Corangamite Branch of the UDV

As a branch, we find the unlawful invasion onto private property by people without consideration of the ramifications to that business, repugnant, also criminal. Regardless of their supposed good "intentions" for the animals involved, the flow on effects for individual businesses or those in the supply chain can be massively detrimental. From bio security issues through to mental health of those affected, it is far from a trivial matter. Therefore, we would implore the inquiry to take into consideration that the penalties up to this point have either not been heavy enough, or haven't been enforced to a level that has a better deterrent effect.

At the recent UDV annual conference, our branch brought forward a resolution that the charitable status of an organization that incites members or others to act unlawfully by way of entering agricultural premises or supply chain operations, be removed. this resolution was carried by the conference and is currently a work in progress from a lobbying point of view. Effectively, this would act as the ultimate deterrent to any organizations, such as "Aussie Farms" who published the addresses and locations of private farms, knackeries, abattoirs etc

For an organization to lose their charitable status with the ACNC, it would almost certainly be a death knell to them. However, if you do not incite such illegal, criminal activity, there is nothing to fear from it.

Regards, Craig Dwyer.

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