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To: aglawsinquiry
Subject: Inquiry into the impact of Animal Rights Activism

I am making this submission to protest the militant behaviour of a very small section of the community.

As an individual I have rights regarding my property. If someone tries to (or does) steal, there are legal processes in place that punish the perpetrator.

So why, when an individual(s) come onto my property, and steals, or attempts to steal, 1 or more of my animals, why do they not get treated the same as the perpetrator who steals property.

If we applied the same scenario to a household dog, legal action would occur.

Yet repeatedly we have activists entering farms unlawfully. Disrupting what are regulated business', stealing animals, creating an issue that causes great distress, not only to that particular farmer, but farmers everywhere.

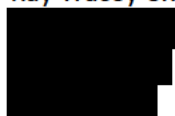
As a farmer myself, I have to comply with the regulations in regard to animal health and welfare. I have to ensure, that when transporting stock , that I comply with all laws regarding the safe transport of animals. Yet these perpetrators have none of these responsibilities and **are free to do what they want.**

As a Farmer, I put a lot of time and effort into maintaining my stock. It is not in my best interests to treat them badly. So why should I be at the mercy of somebody that thinks they know better. **They have risked nothing !**

I request that the committee reassess the treatment of these individuals and call them for what they are, ***Thieves***, and **treat them accordingly to the full extent of the law!**

They must not be allowed to dictate the terms.

Sincerely
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