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Inquiry Name: Inquiry into the Impact of Animal Rights Activism on Victorian Agriculture

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Farmers and farm employees must be able to work safely and feel secure in their work and home environments at all times. Livestock must be protected from animal activists and bio security must be upheld at all times.

We require water tight laws which act as a deterrent for this dangerous behaviour and which holds trespassers accountable.

We require an expansion of the scope of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (Vic) to deal with animal activists, extremists or any other private citizen impinging on another person's human right;

- Increase trespass fines to \$12,000, in line with existing laws in Western Australia, and empower police to issue fines on the spot
- Provide more transparency around convictions and sentencing for farm trespass; and
- Change the Livestock Disease Control Act 1994 (Vic) that enables farm trespassers to be prosecuted for causing an animal disease to claw back costs from offenders.

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File3: