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Hi my name is Daniel McEldrew, my brother and I grow ducks for our family company, First of all id like to express my deep concern for the rural sector under the Andrews government, us farmers are out providing food for our nation and the world, working hard every day of the week and now we have to send submissions to an inquiry that shouldn't have to be undertaken, biosecurity and animal welfare is a law that is policed by governing bodies and these people break every law coming onto our farms and into our meat works, if we break biosecurity and animal welfare laws and contract agreements we are held to account for it for good reason, if an animal activist breaks biosecurity law nothing happens, they film themselves and some even name themselves but still no fine or conviction, then there is trespass laws, if I was to stand in your back yard Mr Andrews id have 5 security guards on me and id be charged and convicted... We do nothing against the law, we follow every law that is put on us and that changes on a yearly basis it seems, but if I'm an animal activist I cant be touched...

Moving onto the impact this type of activism has on my family and I, I'm out of bed at 5am every morning and the first thing I do is drive around our property looking for anything suspicious when I am in my sheds with my ducks I'm constantly looking for hidden cameras, we lock every shed when we go in and when we go out so yes it is a pain having to lock and unlock doors 150 times a day, we simply cant keep doing this it is wearing us all down, the thing I fear most is I have 2 young boys who are very keen to help on the farm, I fear for the future of my boys, everything I do is for their future as my father done for myself, my father worked hard up until the day he died to provide a future and a good life for his family and I want to leave my family in a better position than I have been left, that's the Australian dream isn't it or wasn't it I'm not sure anymore...

Our town is small and it survives on broad acre farming, sheep, cattle, goats and ducks but ducks is really the industry that keeps the town alive the employment it creates is enormous, we have a great hospital and supermarket but without our farming sector they wouldn't be what they are today, our town would die...

In finishing I feel for every farmer and there mental health we have drought, flood, costs of production, prices for our commodities go up and down, animal activism and an increasing work load to comply with all the biosecurity and welfare laws which are necessary to make sure our countries ag sector remains strong, but with all that I worry a farmer will be pushed into a corner and may do something silly, everyone has a breaking point.

Please help us by passing new laws a legislation to stop these people, throw the book at them, lock them away, fine them and give police the power and resources to stop it in an instant when this happens in the future, our future depends on it...

Kind Regards,
Daniel McEldrew

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