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Jigsaw Farms is a grazing farm operation consisting of a number of properties in Western Victoria.

We run a Beef, Lamb and Wool business that has been carbon positive since 2011. We achieve this mainly through extensive shelter belts. We now have gone from 46 bird species identified in 1996 to over 164 in 2019 as a result of our extensive revegetation works. As a leader in agriculture best practice grazing we have had over 15,000 visitors tour our properties since 1996. All these are invited and must follow strict bio security guidelines when they attend.

We adhere to the highest animal welfare standards. This is evidenced by the number of quality assurance programs we belong to. We are regularly audited by such schemes and have never had any issues identified. We ceased mulesing our sheep some years ago and have trailed successfully the new cryogenic breech treatment as an alternative. We have used this process on all our lambs for the last three years.

We were placed on the Aussie Farms map as a beef/ feedlot. We had two groups of people approach the entrance to our property that had cameras and were unknown to us soon after our listings on this site. They did not enter our properties but departed in their cars when they were approached. We do not have a beef feedlot as is inferred in the Aussie Farms map. We have sheep containment yards that are used in late summer and autumn to protect our ground cover. Again this is the based on the best outcome for our environment, soils and animals.

I requested by email that Aussie farms remove our name from their map. They have not done so.

We would run one of the best practice grazing operation in Australia that adheres to the highest animal welfare standards and that produces quality carbon positive meat and fibre that is sympathetic to the Climate and environment.

We are happy to be transparent in all that we do, but we do expect to control when and who come onto our farms.

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