

Submission in relation to:

Criminal Code Amendment (Agricultural Protection) Bill 2019 No. , 2019(Attorney-General)  
A Bill for an Act to amend the Criminal Code Act 1995, and for related purposes

The bill would amend the *Criminal Code Act 1995* to introduce two new offences relating to the use of a carriage service to incite trespass, property offences, or other offences on agricultural land.

As a member of the public I do not agree that this amendment should be passed.

I have not seen or heard of any agricultural land owners or owner of farming businesses being physically or mentally harmed by the activism I have seen on the media (television and newspapers).

In fact, the only harm is to the animals. The animals have no voice and by protecting the farmers and dealing harsh penalties to whistle blowers and activists you are dooming these animals to more cruelty and abuse.

The Government should really be making compulsory CCTV in all factory farms and abattoirs. This will stop the need of caring humans to trespass onto property to film what is happening for the public to see.

There should be harsher penalties for the abattoir and farm workers who are caught torturing animals prior to their slaughter.

The public depends on footage being shown through carriage service and it is unfair to add these amendments.

Activists and whistle blowers are not hurting humans but trying to protect animals being hurt by humans.