

Senate Inquiry Submission.

Committee: Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Legislation Standing Committee.

Legislation: Criminal Code Amendment

(Agricultural Protection) Bill 2019 (Provision).

Dear Committee Chair, Senator Amanda Stoker.

Dear Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Standing Committee, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who's writing this submission in to support the Criminal Code Amendment (Agricultural Protection) Bill 2019 (Provision).

I'm writing this submission because I back farmers rights to farm without threat to their livelihood, their property and their farm animals and for this bill to pass to instill tougher penalties and punishments for criminals who storm properties and terrorize farmers across the country.

The arrogance of these radical domestic criminals, terrorizing innocent Australian farmers and primary production businesses, being emboldened by others sharing the contact details and addresses of the farms and businesses so they can terrorize them and trespass their properties to either steal the animals or chain themselves to whatever is inside the primary production businesses to protest.

In fact, they're not protesting, but are actually breaking the

law and are causing detriment to primary production businesses as well as hurting farmers and making them scared of living in their own property. It's important that this bill passes Parliament so that penalties are toughened up for the criminals who hurt not only the businesses, but also the farmers whose livelihoods come under threat thanks to them illegally trespassing their properties.

Passing this bill through Parliament will send a strong and clear signal to the agri-vandals that Australia will have no truck with them, and want them imprisoned as primary production business and farmers are hugely important to the economy of Australia with their family's livelihoods depend on their businesses being successful.

And while I support the penalty and believe they're sufficient enough, I also believe that they should be fined heavily for either using/promoting carriage service to incite trespassing onto agricultural land. Or using/promoting carriage service to incite property damage or theft on agricultural land alongside the current penalties that are already stipulated in the bill. The committee reviewing the bill and making suggestions of penalizing the criminals with heavy fines will make it much better, as the arrogant agricultural vandalizing criminals deserved to be punished hard for their terrible crimes and carry it for the rest of their life's.

But if the committee cannot make that into a recommendation when they hand down the report, then I

understand.

So therefore, I hope that the Senate standing committee on legal and constitutional affairs will ensure that this bill will pass successfully to ensure that our farmers, primary production businesses and their families will be safe knowing that tougher penalties will be handed down onto these criminals. I'm also glad that the bill will provide protections for whistleblowers and journalists, when they lawfully disclose animal cruelty, mistreatment and criminal activities of the agricultural vandals so that the truth can be told and the criminals are exposed in the interest of the public and the law.

Farming families and primary production businesses have already suffered enough, they're being unfairly untreated by these overzealous radical extremists who resort to breaking the law and committing dangerous acts of stupidity to push their ideologies. Passing this bill will protect them adequately and ensure that they will feel safe in their businesses and/or their farming properties.

Thank you for reading my submission & hope you take it into consideration.

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