

# WHAT TO DO: A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO PROTESTS AND TRESPASS BY ANTI ANIMAL INDUSTRY GROUPS

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We are aware that there may be a reported higher incidence of on farm, feedlot, manufacturing facility and other livestock infrastructure trespass across Australia.

The Australian red meat and livestock industry is committed to an extremely high standard of animal welfare – animal cruelty is an offence.

Our 75,000 Australian red meat and livestock businesses need to be prepared and have a practical guide of ‘what-to-do’ should your business experience trespass or protests in your business.

## What to do if you find someone illegally trespassing on your property?

Anyone entering your property unauthorised is a potential risk to your biosecurity and to animal health and welfare and may be there illegally. Members of the public have no right to carry out property inspections under the Acts of any State or Territory.

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## If you or your staff encounter trespassers at your place of business you should stay calm and act rationally:

- Ask them what they were doing on the property unauthorised
- Request identification and take note of

their name, address or vehicle registration number

- Ask them to leave
- Inform them police have been called
- Advise the police of the situation and, if available, provide their identification details
- Advise your relevant industry organisation (listed below)
- Expect and prepare for media coverage

## What to do if you suspect footage has been taken?

If you suspect footage has been captured of animals under your care you are advised to:

- Take your own date stamped footage
- Under certain situations, consider arranging for a third-party inspection by an appropriate party
- Contact your industry association



The Australian red meat and livestock industry is committed to good animal welfare practice and high-quality production of proteins that exceeds our customers' expectations.

## Ensure your staff are aware and remain vigilant

Revisit your animal welfare obligations on farm and off and ensure your staff and other members of your business remain vigilant.

### FARM

On Farm LPA Animal Welfare Module



### FEEDLOT

National Feedlot Accreditation Scheme



### TRANSPORT

Land Transport Standards



### PROCESSING

Australian Livestock Processing Industry Animal Welfare Certification System



### LIVESTOCK EXPORT

Export Supply Chain Assurance System

