




Speech By
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ADJOURNMENT

Animal Activists

 **Mr MILLAR** (Gregory—LNP) (7.00 pm): I rise tonight to strongly condemn the appalling actions of animal activists last month when they invaded a dairy and feedlot property in southern Queensland. I strongly condemn the proposed invasion this coming Monday, again in southern Queensland, and I call on the Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services and the Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries to act now to protect our primary producers from this law-breaking activist group that calls itself Aussie Farms. They are breaking the law and trespassing on the properties of law-abiding primary producers and that is a simple fact. They are putting their own health at risk by entering a property with no induction and no understanding of that property.

What makes me angry is that we have a Queensland Labor government prepared to pay lip-service to allow this activist group to break the law for green ideology. I should not be surprised by the Queensland Labor government. It relies on Greens preferences and does not want to upset a group that delivers it government. Make no mistake, the Queensland Labor police minister and the agriculture minister should be putting a plan in place tonight to have the resources ready to stop this illegal activity. Make no mistake, this is illegal activity. It has already been circulated amongst the activists to be ready on Monday with their cars full of fuel and to be prepared to drive for up to four hours. The police minister must send out a clear message tonight that they are breaking the law and they will be arrested if they trespass on private property. They will face the full force of the law, whether they are arrested or they are fined. I am sure if anyone breaks into someone's house they are breaking the law. This is no different. The agriculture minister must stand behind the police minister to send out a clear message to this group that they cannot break the law and they cannot do this to law-abiding citizens who are primary producers.

What makes me more angry is that our primary producers are law-abiding, tax-paying, community-serving people but when it comes to animal activists, already saying they are going to break the law and trespass on people's private property, we have not heard anything from the Queensland Labor government. I call on the Labor government, the police minister and the agriculture minister to send a message to these activists tonight: if you trespass on these properties you will be arrested and you will face the full force of the law.