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Senate Legal & Constitutional
Affairs Committee
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Dear Committee members

Criminal Code Amendment (Agricultural Protection) Bill 2019 (the Bill)
JBS Australia Group Submission

The JBS Australia Group (which includes JBS Australia Pty Ltd, Primo Foods Pty Ltd and Seven Point Pork Pty Ltd) operates feedlots, abattoirs and food manufacturing facilities and leases cold storage facilities around Australia. All of the abattoirs and many of the manufacturing and cold storage facilities are registered establishments under the *Export Control Act 1982*.

The JBS Australia Group is impacted by the conduct of animal rights activists. While the business respects the rights of community members to hold and express their opinions, the Group has had no option but to deal with trespassers on its properties, including as part of well-orchestrated activist action. Current laws have seemingly done little to deter such organised activities.

Animal welfare, workplace health and safety and food safety are paramount to our operations. On top of the business interruption and diversion of resources trespassers bring about, unlawful entrants pose a significant risk to our people, themselves and the livestock, along with JBS's property, business and products.

We consider the proposed definition of agricultural land and its use in the offences proposed in Subdivision J are appropriate. We respectfully request the Senate Committee consider this submission and recommend the Bill be passed as is.

Yours sincerely

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