



## Fence offence

To The Editor, Neighbours don't always get along, unfortunately, but one case is being reported across the nation and around the world simply because a vegan is involved. A spat at Girrawheen in Perth has ended up in the Supreme Court, and the person who complained about her neighbours for smoking, cooking fish near the fence, and making noise is facing major harassment. Thousands of people indicated they would accept an invitation on social media to attend a cookout outside her home, at which dead animals would be barbecued in order to offend her. Comments on Facebook included such erudite threats as "[s]omeone should go round and bitch slap some sence [sic] into the vegan idiots". This was clear and undeniable harassment, incited on a carriage service. Yet the federal government is deafeningly silent, despite recently proposing a law to protect farmers against "individuals who use a carriage service, such as the internet, to incite another person to trespass, damage, destroy or steal property". Vegans reject the violence of branding, castration, and dehorning as well as the terrifying death billions of animals endure each year just to satisfy some humans' desire for the taste of flesh. They also reject the devastating environmental damage, including climate change, caused by animal agriculture. Yet those who march animals into abattoirs to be strung up so that their throats can be cut open are protected by special laws. It seems there is one law for those who (legally) abuse animals and another for those who refuse to harm other sentient beings. Sincerely, Desmond Bellamy  
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