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Rural Women New Zealand Submission on Sentencing (Livestock Rustling) Bill

Introduction

Rural Women New Zealand (RWNZ) welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission to the Sentencing (Livestock Rustling) Amendment Bill.

About Rural Women New Zealand

1. Rural Women New Zealand (RWNZ) is a not-for-profit, member-based organisation that reaches into all rural communities and has an authoritative voice on rural environment, health, education, technology, business and social issues. RWNZ strives to ensure that all rural residents, workers and families have equitable access to services, inequalities are addressed by Government, and the wellbeing of rural communities is considered from the beginning of all policy and legislative development.
2. RWNZ is a member of the Rural Stakeholder Crime Prevention Partnership and is a member of the NZ Police Firearms Community Advisory Forum (FCAF).
3. RWNZ is affiliated to the Associated Country Women of the World and as such upholds all United Nations, ILO and WHO conventions and outcome statements as they relate to women and rural women in particular.

Conclusion

4. We urge the members of the Select Committee to ensure that New Zealand's rural communities are returned to a safe, enabled and empowered space by ensuring that legislation is fit for purpose and does indeed give our rural communities a sense of security.

5. Rural Women New Zealand wish to appear before the Committee in support of our submission.

Yours sincerely

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