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My name is Kyle Mulrooney and I am the Co-Director of the Centre for Rural Criminology at the University of New England.

'*Rural criminology*' is a field of research that acknowledges that rurality and community size have an impact on the incidence of crime, types of crime, response to crime and access to related services.

We here at the Centre study the most compelling social problems that impact upon rural and regional communities in order to produce valuable information that can inform policy and enhance health and wellbeing.

One of the primary problems facing rural communities is incidents of crime that impact on the function of pastoral, agricultural and aquaculture farming operations. The most common offences include the theft of livestock, produce, tools, machinery and equipment, vehicles, fuel and other farm inputs; and incidences of vandalism, arson, trespassing, illegal hunting, and sabotage, amongst others

The impact of '*farm crime*' is significant. Not only is the farming sector important to the Australian economy, but such crimes can have devastating financial, mental and physical impacts on rural landowners and communities.

In order to combat farm crime, we need valuable information from those involved in farming who have key insights into the important issues. To this end, we are undertaking a survey on farm crime in New South Wales.



The survey will ask you about your experiences and perceptions of farm crime; your attitudes towards the policing of and criminal justice responses to farm crime and; your awareness and implementation of crime prevention measures.

Increasing the capacity to fight farm crime is crucial. The information you provide will allow us to have a better understanding of the scope of the problem, as well as find out what measures might be taken by the Government, police and other agencies and farmers to reduce the incidence of farm crime across New South Wales.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this and for your participation in this important survey. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me personally at the following:
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