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A major issue facing New Zealand is how pigs are farmed, specifically the use of farrowing crates during pregnancy and piglet rearing. Some 16,000 New Zealand sows are confined in such cages from approximately a week prior to, until around four weeks after they give birth.

These pigs are kept in these cramped metal stalls, their living conditions are so cramped they are not able to move at all, they are only able to stand up or sit down. These pigs also suffer severe mental trauma from not being able to look after their piglets in the way they want to. An organisation trying to solve this issue is SAFE. They a determined to get sow stalls legally banned through their SAFE Love Pigs campaign. Some of the actions they have done are; educating consumers through the 360 degree sow experience, petitions to the government and encouraging people to boycott pork. The 360 degree sow experience showed consumers what pig farms was actually like. The petition showed the government that citizens wanted the law to change. SAFE's website encouraged people to boycott New Zealand pork.

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Hans Kriek, a SAFE campaign director has a point of view about factory cage farming in New Zealand. He believes that cage farming is a horrific crime against the rights of animals. He said, "instinctively you look at that, you see animals that can't move around, that are overcrowded, you see animals completely frustrated, and I thought, 'no that's not on'. It was probably one of the saddest sights I've ever seen in my entire life." He believes this because he values kindness and respect, he feel like these pigs are not being treated with either of these things and thinks this could easily be changed. This is shaped by his perspective as an activist.

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Mike King, an actor and comedian has a point of view about factory cage farming in New Zealand. He believes that cage farming is inhumane, a horrible way to treat an animal and should be outlawed. He said "I will not be a part of this brutality. It is disgusting. I firmly believe that anyone who sees this would want it to stop." He believes this because he values animal rights and laws, he thinks these animals' rights are being denied and that we should demand that their rights be protected by the law. This is shaped by his perspective as an animal advocate.

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The type of social action that SAFE did, effectively enabled responsibilities to be met and rights to be exercised. As a New Zealand citizens, we have the responsibility to demand the government represent our needs/wants. SAFE exercised this responsibility by giving people a way of lobbying the government through the petition. This huge petition, totalling well over 100,000 signatures, was handed in at Parliament to Green Party MP and animal welfare spokesperson Gareth Hughes on the 15 March 2018. This shows that this social action successfully enabled this responsibility for a huge group of people. One right this social action is trying to enable is the animal right that states all animals have the right to be properly cared for, to be properly respected and protected by humans. By improving farming practicing SAFE hopes to ensure pigs are more respected and protected. They hope by legally banning farrowing crates and encouraging better practicing that all farmers will properly care for their animals.

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