

## RIGHTS FIRST: INTERVENING TO DEFEND DUE PROCESS AND PROPERTY **Universal Ostrich Farms Inc. v. CFIA – Federal Court of Appeal**

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### **WHY WE ARE INTERVENING**

We are intervening because every Canadian is entitled to:

-  Due Process of Law
-  Protection of Property
-  A Fair Hearing Before Government Action

These rights are guaranteed by the Canadian Bill of Rights:

#### **Section 1(a):**

“The right... to life, liberty, security of the person and enjoyment of property, and the right not to be deprived thereof except by due process of law.”

#### **Section 2(e):**

“The right to a fair hearing in accordance with the principles of fundamental justice.”

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### **OUR POSITION**

Our intervention is based on a simple and non-negotiable principle:

**Fundamental rights must come first.**

Every Canadian is entitled to due process, protection of property, and a fair hearing before any government action. These rights apply in all cases, regardless of the justification being claimed. We take no position on the scientific or veterinary questions involved. That is not our role. No decision—by any agency or official—may be made outside the legal framework of due process and respect for fundamental rights in the decision-making process. We are intervening to ensure this principle is upheld—clearly, consistently, and without exception.

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### **WHAT'S HAPPENING**

In this case, the CFIA:

- Ordered the destruction of private animals and property
- Gave no meaningful notice or disclosure
- Provided no fair legal hearing
- Claims it had authority to act without judicial oversight

These facts are not in dispute. The CFIA maintains that due process was not required.

**We strongly disagree.**

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## **THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE MUST ACT**

Under Section 3 of the Canadian Bill of Rights, the Minister of Justice is legally obligated to ensure all federal laws respect these rights.

### **Section 3:**

“The Minister of Justice shall... ascertain whether any of the provisions [of bills and regulations] are inconsistent with the purposes and provisions of this Part and shall report any such inconsistency to the House of Commons.”

### **We call on the Minister to:**

- Intervene in this appeal
  - Support public interveners
  - Ensure rights-violating laws are struck down or interpreted to comply with Sections 1(a) and 2(e)
  - Hold federal officials accountable
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## **SIGN THE PETITION**

We've launched a national petition urging the Minister of Justice to fulfil this legal duty.

 <https://www.change.org/InterventionOstriches>

Web material letter to MPs, email call out, copy of intervention at:

<https://www.grandjuryrising.ca/read-first-email-call-out>



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