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Dear Sir/Madam

I am a recent immigrant to Australia, and live in Melbourne.

I recently became aware that much of the cotton farmed in Xinjiang, China, is being farmed using slave Uyghur labour.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/extra/nz0g306v8c/china-tainted-cotton>

I find this deeply concerning.

How can I be sure that the products I buy in stores in Melbourne don't contain this slave cotton?

I have written to two of the stores I shop at to ask them their position on the issue. One was very forthcoming with their response. The other was more vague.

Is it reasonable to expect every single consumer in Australia to have to check that their clothes are not made by slaves of the Chinese Communist Party?

Or is it reasonable for the Australian Federal Parliament to ensure that the products of this industrial force labour does not make it to our stores?

I suggest the latter.

Many thanks for your time

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