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COUNCIL FOR THE NATIONAL INTEREST
WESTERN AUSTRALIAN COMMITTEE



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A Submission

To: Committee Secretary
Senate Rural Affairs & Transport
Legislative Committee
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Re: Inquiry into the Quarantine Amendment (Disallowing Permits) Bill 2011

Proposal

The Council for the National Interest Western Australian Committee (CNI) supports the passing of the Quarantine Amendment (Disallowing Permits) Bill 2011.

Rationale

- 1) CNI considers that Australia's "clean and green" image as a food producer is a valuable asset; it will become more valuable in the future as countries in the rest of the world seek "clean food".
- 2) The free trade emphasis evident in some of Bio Security Australia's decisions in recent times should not be allowed to be repeated.
- 3) The Parliament is the most appropriate body to consider and decide permits for the import of animal, plant, substance etc.

Yours sincerely

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