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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRY**

Inquiry into Australia's food origin labelling

*Chair: Mr Rowan Ramsey MP
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Food labelling inquiry report released

The House of Representatives Agriculture and Industry Committee today released its report for the inquiry into country of origin labelling for food. The report, entitled '*A clearer message for consumers*', makes eight key recommendations to government.

Committee Chair, Mr Rowan Ramsey MP, stated that "obviously there is a great deal of confusion for consumers concerning the origin of ingredients and foods sold in Australia. Several reviews over the past decade have not come up with ideal solutions. The Committee hopes that the recommendations in this report will see consumers presented with clear information that will allow them to make informed choices".

"Importantly, consumers should be able to have an independent choice to support Australian farmers and food manufacturers", Mr Ramsey said.

Mr Ramsey added that "the outcomes of the inquiry were designed to minimise negative impacts or consequences for food producers and manufacturers".

The report (plus all inquiry information, including submissions received and the terms of reference) can be obtained from the Committee's website at: www.aph.gov.au/agind.

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