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To the standing committee on the stores on the lands.

Dear committee

I am sorry I could not attend this meeting with you due to circumstances beyond my control.

I have been asked to write this letter to you with some of the concerns of the community.

The concerns are as follows:

- The quality of meat sold in the store. Example we pay top dollar for the meat we buy, but after opening we find the top layer is good meat the 2nd layer is normally all bone or all fat and uneatable.
- The price for say 4 pieces of chicken Maryland here is for example \$18.00 and in Alice or Adelaide it's around \$9.00. This is half the cost we pay for it here.
- I brought some lettuce in Alice and I paid \$2.40 for them here they are \$5.50 thereabouts so we pay double and a bit for our vegetables here. And the quality was better as well.
- For tomato's I paid \$2.40 a kilo in Alice we don't pay anywhere near that here.
- We pay roughly anywhere from 60cents per potato, onion, carrot, etc if sold separately so you can see it works out expensive to by food on the lands.

A lot of people will travel to watinuma, Fregon, Marla or mintable to by food. As they think that they get better quality, cheaper and better cuts of meat from these places. I must admit myself; sometimes it is better to go to these places as it is cheaper to buy from them.

Plus you can use it to go for a Sunday drive to recharge oneself. So that outweighs the cost of getting to these places.

So I would appreciate this to be presented to the committee as I think it's an important issue out on the lands.

I say this without prejudice to anyone or organization who supplies or sells or monitors the food or the stores on the lands. As I am saying what most are afraid to say out in the open.

Thanking you
Wayne batchelor