

PETITION AGAINST THE IMPOSITION OF HALAL

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

This petition of certain citizens of Australia draws the attention of the House to the need of Australians to be informed when a meat product is halal.

We support the freedom of religious groups to access food and other products that meet with the requirements of their faith but are concerned about the massive growth of Shari'a compliant products being sold to all Australians whatever their faith, often without being informed or consulted.

We do not wish to pay for halal products when a proportion of our money will go to an Islamic agency for Halal certification.

We therefore ask the House to ensure that halal food does not become the norm in Australia and to this end require the food industry to label all halal products clearly and give their customers a choice.