

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

This petition from certain citizens of Australia draws to the attention of the House:

The failure of the Gillard Government;

- to acknowledge the very serious threat to Australia's biosecurity through the importation of fresh apples from New Zealand which has fire blight;
- to implement strict quarantine regulations to guard against fire blight.

We therefore ask the House to instruct the Government to;

- immediately put a halt to the importation of fresh apples from New Zealand;
- direct Biosecurity Australia to establish strict protocols to protect Australian apples and pears from the fire blight disease.