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We are the owners of a 200+ sow piggery near Beaudesert in Queensland. For years we have been very concerned of the risk of our industry being decimated by a disease introduced into Australia by contaminated, imported pig meat from a disease affected country. We have been frustrated and disappointed with the AQIS stance, that the risk of contamination is so low that it's not worth worrying about-what nonsense. There should be no risk- end of story.

It is my understanding that the cooking and waste disposal process of imported pig meat is carried out by the importer. How can we rely on them to carry out this process diligently? It was also my understanding that uncooked imported pig meat did not leave the import sites until it was cooked. Imagine the shock and horror of Australian pork producers upon reading, that a truck load of uncooked imported pig meat had overturned on a bridge in northern NSW and half a tonne of pig meat dropped into the Clarence River. Obviously the protection of the Australian pork industry from disease risk was grossly breached.

Clearly if there is pig meat to come in from countries with PMWS and PRRS the meat should at very least be cooked off shore and to such a temperature as to make the meat 100% risk free. The same as the chicken industry does with imported meat from countries with disease.

For the sake of our pig industry and the country as a whole, do something now! Don't wait for an accident to happen, then act, because it will be too late.

Yours faithfully,  
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