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attention

To whom it may concern

dear sir I would like voice my concern on the inportation of pig meat from countries affected by post weaning multisystemic wasting syndrome. [pmws] and porcine reproductive respiratory syndrome[prrs].

it is estimated that an outbreak of [pmws] in australia would add 15% to the cost of production and there is no known cure.

last year it was discovered in new zealand and the nz authorities do not know how it got there and admit it cannot be eradicated. all of these factors point to the need to take every precaution to ensure [pmws] and[prrs] do not enter australia.

australian pork producers do not believe the measures proposed by biosecurity australia are adequate and our clean green image should be guarded jealously.

the mad cow disease in the united states demonstates this .the australian pork industry is struggling againsta high aussie dollar, rising costs and the unfair impact of subsidised product. we have suffered economic loss because of imports .will the government of the day foot the bill if these diseases enter our country and my farm .

with an election coming up iwould like to see the coalition government do something smart or lose my vote.

yours sincerely,

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