

To Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee.

My husband and I are deeply concerned regarding the decision to relax import restitutions on beef, from countries previously affected by mad cow disease.

If this happens we believe our clean image for producing food (especially beef), will be under threat. We believe it is in these countries interest, for this disease to get into our country, and have no doubt if this ban is lifted, THIS WILL HAPPEN.

It appears there is no traceability on these beef imports, but traceability is forced on us, so where is the fairness in this.

It will also affect the low prices we already get for our meat, with allowing cheap import of subsided meat from these countries.

I think you will all be happy when we are all forced off our land and out of business.

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