

In regarding to the import of the Beef from overseas, please see our concerns below.

1. I totally disagree with the import of beef into Australia. One of biggest assets in agriculture is its clean image. We can't afford to jeopardise it for the next generations.
2. Our current law is if you go over to one of the countries with Mad Cow Disease you can never give blood again. As it takes the disease a long time to show up how many people could be infected before we even know there is a problem.
3. We never have been able to control the wild pigs,goats, camels, buffalo,deer, etc. So if we were to get foot & mouth in this country we have no chance in controlling it
4. We have been forced to comply with N.L.I.S. At our own expense so every beast is traceable. Now if these other country's don't have to do the same this makes a farce of the whole system.
5. Carbon footprint, what a laugh. How much in carbon omissions would it take to ship the beef over here.
6. Most country's subsidise their farmers. We do it on our own. But if you keep on Knocking us down in the next generations there will be no farmers. Both our families have been proud farmers and have been farming for generations, but we are not encouraging our boys to do the same & we are not alone.
7. Labeling Laws. I wanted to k now what was in a seafood dish you can buy at the deli in Woolworths & Coles it is called 'Highlighter'. All I got was mad in Australia from local and imported ingredients. Now what does that mean. You could have 99% overseas and 1% local who knows.

Your sincerely
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