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Senator Bill Heffernan

Dear Sir, Our local Member for Mayo has advised us that you are involved with a Senate enquiry into the import of meat from overseas, which has the potential to threaten our status as a BSE-free country. We are appalled that anyone would countenance such a move but is this yet another heinous inclusion in the American Free Trade Agreement signed by the Howard Government!!?? We would like you to ponder this question; what type of country exports millions of its home-grown meat animals, leaving huge numbers of its own abattoir workers out of a job, while then importing meat products from overseas?? That would be a third world "banana republic" and that is the way this country is headed if we don't change very quickly the fact that this wonderful country of ours and its farmers are being "sold out" to satisfy huge overseas vested interests! The people of Australia are disgusted at what is going on and want a change of direction before it's too late!

Have you read "Poison on a plate" by Professor Richard Lacey, a confronting read which outlines the lies and govt cover-ups in the UK in the 1980's and 1990's in regard to BSE contamination of British meat! This stuff must be kept out of Australia! Why are we yet again being used as a dumping ground for products that are either banned or unwanted in other countries?? GE crops spring to mind too!

You have our permission to include this letter as a submission to the relevant enquiry.

Yours sincerely,
 Alex Hodges and Ray Linkevics