

Submission to a Senate Committee Inquiry.

As a retired farmer of grain and livestock, I am very concerned about the **proposed import of beef into Australia**. This will be very damaging to the livelihood of all beef growers. I am most concerned for my children and grandchildren. We cannot be certain that Mad Cow disease will not be brought in. My wife was in UK around the time of the Mad Cow disease and she could not donate blood for ten years in case she had inadvertently eaten contaminated meat, so what does that tell us?

I am very concerned about any type of food coming into Australia from any country where we have little or no control of how it is grown , handled or packaged.

This will affect all Australians, not just farmers.

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