I am writing in regards to the importation of beef into Australia from countries with BSE.

We do not need to import any beef into Australia as we have enough here and it is a big export industry for us. We should be protecting Australian jobs as well as Australian's health.

We have NLIS which we had to have for traceability for each individual beast and we expect no less from any and every animal that is bought into this country. (If it's good enough for us then it's good enough for them). Countries exporting to us must be made to follow our regulations or the whole free trade on 'a level playing field' is a farce and should be treated that way.

Australian farmers are struggling now, with mounting costs incurred, being in excess of the cost of production. All costs are born by the producer and it is NOT a level playing field, with our farmers having to compete with subsidised overseas farmers. Any risk is too great a price to pay. BSE and FMD are our greatest risks and we have already seen the failure of AQIS as in regards to the equine flu, thus we are not prepared to take the risk of future failures.

How many litres of fuel will be used to import the beef into our country – what happened to minimising our carbon footprint? It is used only when convenient to our government's argument of the day.

Importers, AQIS and our federal government. must be held totally and fully accountable and responsible for any decision they make and for any disease or impact that negatively affects the beef industry.

I disagree with the importation of beef from countries that have the potential to destroy our industry and health.

From
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