

I am responding to the inquiry into beef being allowed into Australia from countries that have BSE.

As an Australian citizen I am 100% against it. The government is elected to listen to, implement the voice of the Australian citizens and to look after their health and wellbeing. This proposition by the government is in total disregard of all of their duties.

I love beef and I eat it all the time and if this regulation comes into Australia then I will no longer be eating the meat.

Having snags and a slab of steak on the BBQ are considered one of Aussies favourite meals and pastime.

How can we go on having a barbie when all we can think of is the Australian jobs that were lost because of overseas farmers undercutting Aussie ones, the industry that was shut down and the diseases that we may be getting from the imported beef.

America has stated that they have 'drastically cut back on BSE testing' and if we do the same and relax our regulations in regard to importations then no-one will be adequately screening what comes into the country.

I am concerned for the farmers as well as the consumers.

It appears to me, that it will be in the best interest of countries with diseases, if Australia gets them so instead of relaxing the regulations we should be increasing them so that the is no-one can bring anything illegal into our country.

Increase border security and keep Australia safe.

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