

Australia has been kept free of deadly diseases by strong quarantine laws to exclude risks. This failed once with Equine Influenza causing untold damage - financial for large numbers of horse owners, transporters, trainers and many more groups as well as permanent damage to animals. Unenforceable laws and regulations were put in place. This must not be allowed to happen again. The beef industry has instituted expensive methods for tracing the movement of stock so problems can be quickly traced. Recently two large abattoirs have been closed with hundreds being thrown out of work. WHY should we jeopardize our safe accountable food supply for short term gain. If it fails to keep disease out the financial losses will be catastrophic on many levels We do not need to run this risk.