

**Submission to Senate Committee Inquiry
Federal Government BSE Policy Change**

Importation of beef from nations where BSW has occurred is a quarantine matter **NOT** a trade matter.

It must **NOT** occur.

Australian primary producers are not supported by governments.

They receive very low prices for their commodities.

Beef producers must comply with government regulations, such as the NLIS lifetime traceability programme, to secure export markets.

The EU demands a host of special imposts so that Australian Beef Producers can supply to that market, and we do despite their purile nit picking nature but the Government will permit imports from nations which don't have the same protocols.

Where is justice for us?

THE GREATEST SUPPORT AUSTRALIAN PRIMARY PRODUCERS HAVE IS OUR QUARANTINE LAWS.

We don't have the diseases that other countries do.

That gives access to the widest variety of markets

DO NOT DESTROY THIS ASSET.

If beef is imported from a country where BSE has occurred, then we are on a par with them, therefore this whole issue is about trade **TOTALLY IGNORING THIS NATION'S ASSETS**, an asset, a right of every primary producer.

There can be **NO ABSOLUTE GUARANTEE** that a disease will not be imported no matter what protocols are in place.

This whole issue is a matter of common sense, not science.

KEEP AUSTRALIAN PRIMARY PRODUCE CLEAN AND GREEN

This is a plea.

Yours faithfully
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