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The Secretary,
Senate Standing Committee on
Rural & Regional Affairs & Transport.

I am writing in regard to the unclear and often misleading labelling standards currently in place in our supermarkets.

As a consumer and someone who is very interested in animal welfare I would like to know how the meat, primarily, I am purchasing is bred and treated. I am very concerned because I want to know the animal is treated humanely in a free range, antibiotic free environment.

At the moment in Sydney, Coles and Woolworths stock a very limited supply of organic or free range meat products and I need to source out speciality suppliers for these products. Pork in particular is very hard to find organic or free range and is not available in the two major supermarkets.

I do not buy pork from Coles or Woolworths because I know it has come from farms that are treating animals in a barbaric fashion.

By enforcing labelling laws on all meat products, the consumer will be able to make an informed choice and hopefully force supermarkets to choose to go organic or free range on a

bigger scale because Customers
will demand it.

I believe labelling products
in this way will become the norm
in the future but Australia is
lagging behind badly at the moment
in relation to other countries.

I ask the Senate Committee to
act on this matter urgently and
ensure all states across Australia
have a uniform truth in labelling
system for all animal-derived foods.

Thanking you

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