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**From:** Erica Grace  
**Sent:** Saturday, 16 May 2015 12:38 AM  
**To:** Economics, Committee (SEN)  
**Subject:** Halal Certification

Dear Sirs,

I'd like write concerning the "Halal" certification.

It is my understanding that "Halal" refers mainly to animal products and the way the animal has been slaughtered. They have to slit the throat and drain the blood. Stunning is forbidden. Even though I find this cruel, I'm not an animal activist so that is not my main concern.

One of my main concerns is that- whereas Jewish culture also has their meat laws- they don't impose them on us. Nevertheless "Halal" meat is imposed on all of us that shop at supermarkets whether we want it or not – we have no choice. I know for a fact that real practising Muslims buy their meat from their Islamic butchers only, not from Coles or Woolworths.

I also think we've been taken for a ride when even toothpaste has to be "Halal" – does toothpaste have animal products?? Why does chocolate have to be "Halal"? Somebody is making an awful lot of money out of 'suckers' like us who are so terribly scared of offending Muslims!!

The main concern I have about the 'Halal' certification is that it goes to fund their Mosques, their schools and their practices. You might think it doesn't go to fund terrorists but indirectly it does. Mosques and madrasas are the places where these young people are radicalised.

One last thing that is particularly concerning to me is that "Halal" is a religious ritual where prayers are said – I find it abhorring that I have to eat meat that has been prayed over to a god I don't believe in and I have no way of saying "Non Halal" please!

These are my concerns- and I regret to see Australia falling for the 'hoax'. I know the Qur'an says that if a Muslim is offered pork they're allowed to eat it if there's nothing else, by just saying a phrase. Its in their book. This over abundance of "Halal" products are a modern invention to get \$\$\$ in Western countries.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely,  
Mrs Erica Grace