

Dear Sir/ madam

RE: Biosecurity Enquiry

We have sent number of letters to the WA Department of Agriculture and to AQUIS in the past 3 years regarding quarantine. Please see below a copy of an email I sent to the WA Department and had no real response other than a brief phone call. The bottom line is that with the way charges are going no one will bother using quarantine. It has become prohibitively expensive not to mention the cock ups (freezing and killing material for example). Also please see the letter sent to the federal Minister in 2008 attached. I have a business to run and apologize for not having the time to submit any sort of detailed submission.

The bottom line is with the way charges are going you are going to encourage illegal importation of material and this will ultimately result in much greater cost to the community. Great incursion of pest and diseases will result in higher growing costs and more pest and disease chemicals having to be applied. The result is more expensive fresh produce with more chemicals used to produce it.

Yours sincerely

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