

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE

We hold very deep concerns about halal certification because of the following reasons:

ANIMAL CRUELTY

- The halal method of killing involves slitting an animal's throat and letting it bleed to death. It is a form of animal cruelty. It is brutal, barbaric and abhorrent.

WORKPLACE DISCRIMINATION

- There are approximately 300 abattoirs in Australia, employing predominately Muslim males, discriminating against non-Muslim and women on religious and gender grounds. Non-Muslims and females have lost jobs because only a Muslim male can kill in the halal method.

HALAL CERTIFIERS DO NOT PAY TAX

- Halal certification is not part of recorded Islamic or sharia law. Halal certification is a recent business construct, which started in the 1980s.
- Certifiers in Australia do not pay tax as they fall under the religious charity exclusion rule.
- The money paid for halal certified foods is a religious tax. It adds to the cost of food as certification fees are added to the product cost and funds the growth of Islam in Australia. The Muslim religion is intolerant of all other religions which I believe to be obnoxious.
- Certifiers are obliged by Islamic law to give "Zakat" to Islamic causes. Zakat is a tax and is to be distributed among eight categories and amounts to 2.5% of the Moslems well for her year. One of the most important of the categories is to those fighting for Allah, people in gauged in Islamic military operations for whom no salary is allotted or volunteers for Jihad.
- There is a definite possibility some certified funds go to fund Islamic terrorism. It has been proven that the Muslim Brotherhood have received monies through mosques in France and Canada.

CONSUMERS ARE UNINFORMED

- Certification is "secret" and not labelled on most products, consumers therefore do not know what is and isn't certified. If halal certification is for Muslims but not labelled, how do Muslims know the food is halal? There is also little information regarding certifiers, fees charged and their financial activities.
- The rationale of an informed consumer is that if informed the consumer has a greater capacity to understand the importance of their market actions and choices, and are enabled in making better choices. Hardly anyone understands what halal certification is.
- It provides no valued added to the product for around 99% of the Australian population. Less than 4% of the Australian population is Muslim.

EXPORT OF PRODUCE

- Certification does not aid in export. In fact, Industry insiders estimate that not more than 10% of poultry production is for export, while 80% of chicken meat produced in Australia now comes from halal certified abattoirs.

GENDER INEQUALITY AND LGBT

- We oppose Islam as it promotes gender inequality and oppression of women. There is no reason for a women to be covered up. If men cannot control themselves the Crimes Act is there to protect them. And don't think that marriages of children don't occur in Australia, because they do
- According to Human Rights Watch, 14 million girls are married, worldwide, each year - with some as young as eight or nine. While early and forced marriage appears most prevalent in countries of Africa, Asia and the Middle East, several recent cases have shown Australia is not immune to the practise
- If you recognise as LGBT, then look out as the Koran considers homosexual acts a punishable crime and a sin, that is, punishable by death. This is NOT the religion of peace espoused by politicians or media.

CREEPING SHARIA

- In accepting halal certification you are accepting Islam and encouraging the legal branch, Sharia, to be welcomed into Australia. In Great Britain courts, schools, government and other institutions continue to adapt to include tenets of Sharia law, and, bowing to pressure from groups linked with the Muslim Brotherhood, the British government in 2014 started requiring all British school children to complete a unit on the history of Islam. And it's not pleasant:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=psZBaJU_Cvo

We DO NOT wish to support a ridiculous, aggressive, and nasty ideology of Islam through our shopping basket. We do not want halal certified foods allowed in Australia.

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