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To: Economics, Committee (SEN)
Subject: Third Party Certification of Food

Dear Senators,

You have been charged, by the recent Senate vote, to investigate the halal certification of goods and services in this country. In doing so, I request that, among all things, you consider the following:

1. The Constitution makes it incumbent on the Federal Government to prevent religion being imposed on ANY Australian citizen. The protection of the Federal parliament is necessary to ensure that no form of cult or religion is imposed, through ANY means, on the citizens of this nation. Currently, the Islamic doctrine is being imposed both overtly and covertly, through various means on your constituents with the halal tax in the guise of a “certification” being one of the latest techniques being adopted.
2. Retailers are being coerced into joining the extorted halal tax rort. One that has come to my attention is that a local butcher was identified as supplying ONLY halal free meat on social media. Although never having a muslim customer in his remote location before, suddenly large groups of heavily clad muslims have come into his butchery and loudly demanded to know if he sold halal certified meat. Upon answering in the negative they cursed and stormed out of his establishment.
3. The halal “certifiers” are cornering the market on products and services, gradually. They brag, quite accurately, that they have cornered the market on sugar, for instance. This means that hardly a processed food that is manufactured MUST use a “certified” sugar in its’ processes.
4. Genuine believers in Sikhism, Hinduism, Christianity, Atheism etc. are unable to consume ANY product or service with the confidence that it is NOT halal “certified” because, even if an identifying label is placed on the good or service, there is no guarantee that it does not contain halal “certified” ingredients or components.
5. With the enormous variety of so-called halal “certifiers” currently in the market it is easy for the income to be hidden and the dispersal of the gained revenue distributed, anywhere in the world, in a clandestine manner, directly or through trusts, family members, groups, individuals, companies, “religious” enterprises, donations, charities, etc. etc. Payment may also be diverted through the “certified” organization, overseas, as a part of the contract arrangement with final payments or in the cost discount applied at the point of sale.
6. We, the people of this nation, demand that we are protected from rorting by any cult or religion or being forced to participate in ANY activities of these groups.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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A concerned Australian