

Submission- Inquiry into Beef Imports into Australia
Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries
Northern Territory Government

This reply limited to points (a) and (d);

The NT Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries strongly supports a ban on meat products from countries with FMD as being an adequate level of protection due to the extremely catastrophic consequences of introducing FMD into Australia through contaminated meat.

The reality is that the likelihood of disease entry would be potentially raised by this, despite any mitigation steps, which would lead to the overnight devastation of the NT cattle industry. It is likely that overseas markets would also have this view so this action could well impact on Australia's export reputation. For example as demonstrated by the recent incidents involving horsemeat in Europe, perception is very powerful and can lead to overwhelming detrimental consequences.

Yours sincerely

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