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To whom it may concern

Re Senate Inquiry into Food Certification Schemes

Halal certification is not in Australia's best interest. In the US, France and Canada it has been proven that halal certification schemes directly funded Hamas and the Muslim brotherhood. It was found in Canada that \$14.8 million dollars over a short a short period of time was funnelled into Hamas from halal certified money. The Canadian halal certifier MAC sent funds to IFRAN Canada (an Islamic front charity), which in turn contributed to terrorist organisations. These scams have now been broken up and its ringleaders charged.

The damage to Australia's productivity is that a lot of companies are suffering; as more and more Australians boycott products labeled with the halal certification. So far there are five websites calling to Boycott Halal totaling 110621 Likes and growing. Most Australians do not want to buy items from companies which are supporting an Islamic ideology in the guise of a religion as the money goes towards funding for current; and the building of more mosques and Islamic schools. Some of these mosques and Islamic schools have been proven to have had Imams preaching hate toward the non believer.

Is it not discrimination to be forced to pay a religious fund to an incompatible ideology in your normal everyday food items? The collection of this forced donation **MUST** be banned by our Government. Why are so many Aussie firms paying inflated prices to have Halal certification when they know the Islamic market is not more than 3% of the buyer population? Are they coerced with threats of product tampering? Why is there a non-disclosure clause in the contracts companies sign? Does the cost of certification not also increase the price of food to all consumers?

There is a growing awareness that the collection of fees for certification is **BIG BUSINESS** and because it is claimed to be a religious non-taxable profit, a charity based scheme, the money benefits only the Islamic population. There are 33 known Halal certification organisations operating in Australia, with the four biggest certifiers (classed as not-for-profit enterprises) being the Australian Federation of Islamic Councils (AFIC), the Halal Certification Authority Australia (HCAA), the Supreme Islamic Council of Halal Meat in Australia (SICHMA) and the Islamic Co-ordinating Council of Victoria (ICCV). A number of businesses also provide Halal certification services.

How does this benefit either our broader Australian community or our Government's resources? The Australian Government does not have a formal role in labelling Halal food for domestic consumption. The Government is losing large amounts in company tax deductions and very few certifiers pay tax as it is claimed to be a religious related income.

The controversial certification fee has become a local and global industry upsetting both non Muslim consumers and religious Muslims who are upset and angered that unprincipled moneymen are profiting from misrepresenting Islamic teachings. It is not required by Islamic teachings, nor is it in shariah law, that a fee should be paid to ensure food is halal. The fact is that almost everything is already halal. Halal means permissible. There are a few harem foods which are meat or by products from swine, or anything with intoxicants and blood and blood byproducts. Muslims say they already know what foods is harem, if there is a doubt, they can say a simple prayer (bismillah) over the food before consumption.

We ask our Government to stop the big con that raises money to spread the ideology of Islam. The Islamic ideology is not compatible with the Australian culture. Countries that have banned halal where it means ritual slaughter of animals are: Luxemburg, Sweden, Norway, Holland and Switzerland. Please Australia, put a ban on halal slaughter. Please Australia put a ban on the collection of halal fees being charged on ALL products.

Halal slaughter is extremely cruel; we as a nation used to use the non reversible stun method of slaughter, now it is very difficult to find an abattoir that utilises that particular method. Where is the RSPCA? The beasts are killed whilst they are conscious, their throats are slit and it can at times take up to 7 minutes to bleed out before they are dead; all the while thrashing about and moaning in extreme pain and agony.

Please reconsider this absolute scam that has all Australians, Muslim or otherwise in total disarray, Islam is not compatible with our nation, halal is part of the jizya tax that has Islam wanting to establish a worldwide caliphate

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