

25 October 2012

Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committees on Rural & Regional Affairs & Transport
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

**Re: Competition and Consumer Amendment
(Australian Food Labelling) Bill 2012 (No. 2)**

To the Committee Secretary:

This to express my support of Greens leader Christine Milne's Bill into the Senate to make the origins of our food transparent, and which should ensure we are all fully and fairly informed about the origins of food and food ingredients, on the labels.

Country of Origin Labelling is vital to the protection and promotion of this country's food supply and its producers.

As a consumer I am eager to buy from local growers and processors but am unable to rely on food labels with misleading claims about the origin of food ingredients and fresh produce.

Government and industry are committed to global free trade in food which can come from anywhere in the world and they allow labels to deceive us. However, economic considerations should not influence the quality of product information passed on to consumers.

Sincerely,
Dr Inke Falkner