

- a) Halal certification is an Islamic tax imposed on the general population. I am not a Muslim and I don't want to pay a tax that benefits a religious minority. Muslims only make up 2% of the population so why should the other 98% pay a tax from which they derive no benefit. If Muslims want halal certification then they should pay for it.
- Halal certification is totally unnecessary. It is not required by the Koran. If food is haram then Muslims only have to pray over it and they can eat it anyway.
- Many foods are by their very nature halal and yet companies are paying for certification unnecessarily. Water and milk are naturally halal and don't need a tax on them. Why are things like cat and dog food, which presumably Muslims don't eat, halal certified?
- The halal certification schemes are branching out from food into the places where the food is prepared and the vans in which the food is transported. Every stage has to be certified halal. What is the difference between a non-halal certified van and a halal certified van? Absolutely nothing – it is just a racket.
- Food is not the only product being certified but the scheme extends to make-up and cosmetics. Soon we will have halal plates and tables. It is nothing but a racket.
  
- b) If Muslims want goods to be clearly labelled as halal then they should pay for it. They can start their own shops that sell halal food like Jewish kosher supermarkets.
  
- e) There is no regulation governing halal certification bodies. Anyone can set up a certification scheme and extort payments. The whole thing is one big racket and get-rich-quick scheme for savvy Muslims.
  
- f) Companies claim that they need halal certification for their overseas exports. Statistics have shown that a small percentage of overall exports are sent to Islamic countries and in any event the companies who will benefit from the exports should be the ones paying for certification not the everyday Australian consumer.
  
- g) There is no clear indication about where the funds from these schemes end up. Some say that it benefits Islamic organisations. Why should ordinary Australians be funding schemes that only benefit a small minority of the population?
- Any Muslim businessman making money from this halal rort has to, according to his religion, pay 10% of his income to charity. There are eight different categories of people that can benefit from this charity. The 6<sup>th</sup> group is 'those fighting for Allah' suggesting that funds from the schemes go to support terrorists. This money is often funnelled through a number of 'fronts' to disguise where it ends up as has been proved overseas.