



AUSTRALIAN SENATE  
RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT REFERENCES COMMITTEE

**HEARING PROGRAM**

**Inquiry into the Impact and Consequences of the Government's Decision to  
Relax Import Restrictions on Beef**

**Monday, 14 December 2009  
Committee Room 2S3 – Parliament House  
CANBERRA**

Time	Witness	Sub No.
<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Australian Beef Association</b> Mr Brad Bellinger, Chairman Mr John Carter, Director	
<b>9:15 am</b>	<b>Australian Meat Industry Council</b> Mr Gary Burridge, Chairman Processor Council and RMAC Director ( <i>Via Teleconference</i> )	
<b>10:00 am</b>	<i>Morning tea</i>	
<b>10:15 am</b>	<b>Red Meat Advisory Council</b> Mr Ian McIvor, AM, Chairman RMAC Mr Justin Toohey, Secretary, RMAC  Mr John Dorian, Veterinary Counsel, AMIC Mr Stephen Martyn, National Director, Processing, AMIC  Mr Greg Brown, Director, RMAC CCA (name to be confirmed)  Mr Jim Cudmore, Director, RMAC Mr Dougal Gordon, Executive Director, ALFA  <b>Meat and Livestock Australia</b> Mr David Palmer, Managing Director	<b>5</b>
<b>11:45 am</b>	<b>Dr Bob Steel</b> Veterinary Surgeon	
<b>12.30 pm</b>	<i>Lunch Break</i>	

<p><b>1:45 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (including Biosecurity Services Group)</b>  Mr Paul Morris, Executive Manager, Trade and Market Access  Ms Narelle Clegg, General Manager, Residues and Food Safety  Dr Andy Carroll, Chief Veterinary Officer  Dr Bob Biddle, General Manager, Animal Health Programs</p> <p><b>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</b>  Mr Tim Yeend, First Assistant Secretary, Office of Trade Negotiations  Ms Caroline McCarthy, Director, Food Trade and Quarantine Section, Office of Trade Negotiations  Ms Julia O'Brien, Executive Officer, WTO Trade Law Branch, Office of Trade Negotiations</p> <p><b>Department of Health and Ageing (including Food Standards Australia New Zealand)</b>  Professor Jim Bishop, Chief Medical Officer  Professor John Mathews, (<i>Via Teleconference</i>) Consultant engaged to undertake the Review of Scientific Evidence to Inform Australia's Policy on Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSEs)  Ms Mary McDonald, First Assistant Secretary, Regulatory Policy and Governance Division  Ms Kylie Jonasson, Assistant Secretary, Research, Regulation and Food Branch  Mr Andrew Bartholomaeus, General Manager, Risk Management, Food Standards Australia New Zealand  Ms Amanda Hill, Manager, Food Safety, Food Standards Australia New Zealand  Mr Steve McCutcheon, Chief Executive Officer, Food Standards Australia New Zealand</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>2</b></p>
<p><b>3:45 pm</b></p>	<p><i>Adjournment of Hearing</i></p>	