

Animal Welfare and Food Labelling

Extensive work has been done and legislation is in place in Australia and many other countries to ensure that packaged food is labelled properly in the interest of the consumer. Very little has been done to ensure that food labelling is also in the interests of the animals reared and slaughtered to provide food for human and pet consumption.

Food labelling of animal products should be compulsory and should clearly indicate how well the source animal has been treated from cradle to table.

It is recognised that animal welfare labelling involves real costs to producers and consumers although there are some offsetting benefits.