

To whom it may concern.

I'm not a farmer, but I thought I'd put my two cents worth into the fray just to let you know that as an Australian, not enough is done to help the people that put the food on our tables.

I don't want to buy tomatoes from Italy, I don't want to eat Asparagus from Spain. I most certainly don't want to eat Lamb from anywhere else in the world.

I, and I'm sure most Australian's, want Ozzie grown beef, lamb and produce.

My concern is not for illegal immigrants and whether they get a nice flat screen TV, or their cigarettes, or their playstations.

My concern is for what the future holds for this country, farmers are walking away because they can't continue. This just blows my mind that the government will provide luxuries to immigrants, but fails to support the backbone of our future food industry?

Are we as a nation, going to be content when we have to buy all our food from overseas?  
We need farmers.

We need to support them in everyway possible.

We need to support our tourism industry too, our native animals are found no where else in the world, Where else can you see a Marsupial?

And yet, they are under the threat of extinction from introduced species such as the feral dog, feral cat and the fox.

Get rid of these invasive feral predators!!!! Declare war on them, offer bounties on them all, anything to get their numbers down. There are more feral pigs in Australia than there are people in Australia!!

26 million feral pigs.

18 million feral cats.

12 million feral dogs.

Not to mention the BILLIONS of Cane Toads.

Feral goats, feral deer, feral camels, feral buffalo all competing for food with our precious natives or preying upon them!

It's not good enough!!!

We are not a country of national treasures anymore, we are a nation of feral animals!!!

We have a richness that is found no where else in the world, our wildlife are found no where else in the world. We have the means to make Australia the best nation, and we're letting it slip through our fingertips.

Support smart coal mining.

Support our farmers.

Support our native animals.

Support our biodiversity.

Become the best country in the world.

I don't think I'm reaching for the stars here, am I?

Yours sincerely

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