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To whom it may concern:

I am a farmer and I am concerned about the proposed relaxation of imported produce from other countries.

The Quarantine standards of the past in this country have stood us in good company, it would be a pity and a condemnation of the government of the day if the standard was lowered.

We have already had some careless occurrences, with a fungus in fruit in Queensland, Equine Influenza in New South Wales and Queensland and weavels in grain imports.

While we cannot have zero risk with tourists, we can have zero risk with trade by blocking imports. This not only protects local plants and animals it also protects local producers. Another benefit would be in our balance of trade.

Yours sincerely,

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