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IN DEFENCE OF AUSTRALIAN  
RAW MILK CHEESE

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TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER and MEMBERS of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

THIS PETITION of certain citizens of Australia draws to the attention of the House that:

MILK – the food – has been fundamental to human nutrition and health for millennia. The domestication of cattle, sheep, goats and other mammals has given us a unique partnership. We draw sustenance from it every day. We drink fresh milk and cream. We eat butter and cheese. Milk is at the very heart of human life.

When skilfully made, ripening and maturing at its own pace, and developing flavours and textures of complexity and length, cheese retains the distinctive qualities of the milk used in its making. Cheese expresses diversity through seasonal and local characteristics, and the art of its maker, like no other food.

Government regulates the food we eat. Most of the Australian cheese we eat today is sanitised and uniform. Science is being used to limit choice. We cannot make and market Australian raw milk cheese. We cannot taste it. We are denied the experience of the unique characteristics of this primary food.

Australians want food that is *good, clean and fair*. We want safe cheese. We want properly labelled cheese. We want cheese that will not imperil human health, nor imperil our environment. We simply want the right to choose Australian raw milk cheese.

We ask the House to liberate our cheesemakers, not to harness them. We ask the House to encourage diversity, build skills and knowledge, and return opportunity to Australia’s rural heartland. We ask the House to allow Australian dairies to make and market raw milk cheese of quality. Enable us to choose.

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