

AUSTRALIANS DESERVE A FAIR DINKUM CHOICE



Do You support the Islamisation of Australia?

Almost two-thirds of chicken and lamb and over half the beef sold in Australia today comes from Sharia-compliant (halal certified) abattoirs and processing plants. The extra cost is recovered from consumers. Most Sharia-compliant (halal) produce is unlabelled.

DEMAND THE COMPULSORY LABELLING OF HALAL-CERTIFIED PRODUCE IN AUSTRALIA. WRITE TO YOUR MP AND SENATOR TODAY!

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So, what is the problem with Sharia-compliant or Halal-certified food?

First of all make no mistake: Sharia-compliant or Halal certified food is neither leaner, greener, nor in any other way better for you. Sharia and Halal is about a medieval religious ritual performed while killing the animal. A ritual requiring Muslim-only slaughtermen and an industry funding Muslim-only causes; many in Europe proving to have dubious connections. The cow, chicken or lamb taken to the abattoir is no different to any other. Halal certification is about a Muslim cleric or imam confirming that a particular ritual has been performed in accordance with Islamic religious rules (Sharia) and that there has been no 'cross contamination' with un-Islamic meat or practises. For this fees are being charged to the certified company at time of issue and for each renewal.

Australian consumers in turn are paying for these Halal schemes every time they buy products from Halal-certified producers and manufacturers.

Often there is no labelling to indicate this ritual slaughter or halal certification. Therefore Australian consumers are denied the opportunity to be conscientious objectors to funding Islamic organisations. There would be no issue at all, if Sharia-compliant slaughtering was properly labelled for the exclusive consumption by observant Muslims, or those who choose to buy Halal. This is what happens with Kosher certified products that hardly enter the mainstream market.

But in avoiding to clearly label Sharia-compliant products, we are being denied a fair dinkum choice.

Because when an alien religious ritual, possibly observed by less than two per cent of domestic consumers, is allowed to dictate what the rest of Australia is being secretly served up, this undermines both freedom and democracy. Of course there is always the argument of the export markets. However, Australian meat has been exported to overseas markets for decades, before self-appointed Islamic Halal "authorities" came up with such schemes; schemes whereby Australians pay for the Islamisation of their own country. Let's be clear: Nowhere in the Koran, Hadith or Sunna does it say that Muslims must eat Halal certified food.

Most observant Muslims know perfectly well that Australian beef, chicken, lamb and goat is perfectly fine for them to eat, as it has always been.

Koran Sura 2:173 (Al-Baqarah) reads: *"He hath forbidden you only carrion, and blood, and swine flesh, and that which hath been immolated to any other than God. But he who is driven by necessity, neither craving nor transgressing, it is no sin for him. Lo! God is Forgiving, Merciful."* Then Koran Sura 5.5 (Al Ma'idah) prescribes: *"The food of the People of the Book is lawful unto you and yours is lawful unto them."* And there is the Hadith narrated by Aisha (Bukhari Volume 3, Book 34, Number 263) where Muslims are told: *"Some people said, "O Allah's Apostle! Meat is brought to us by some people and we are not sure whether the name of Allah has been mentioned on it or not." Allah's Apostle said "Mention the name of Allah and eat it."*

According to Islamic scripture and recorded historical witness it appears there was much more common sense 1,400 years ago, than prevails today. One may question the integrity of this halal push, rather recognising it as a massive commercial venture to further Islamic causes.

Of course they will say one must be able to read the Koran in Arabic to really understand the meaning. But did God not cause his people to speak many languages? Surely reading His words in English conveys the meaning as well as any other language He has created? Most nominal Muslims would care as much about eating strictly Halal as nominal Catholics worry about eating fish on Friday, and nominal Jews would be about scrubbing their kitchen for Passover. After all, hasn't God made all the animals and plants? And shouldn't what God made be good for all of us?

So let's get real and tell our politicians that Australians deserve a fair dinkum choice: If producers bring ritually slaughtered products into our shops, that have been certified to comply with Islamic Sharia for extra cost, it must be properly labelled. Then Australians can choose to buy it – or not.

Please support us if you believe Australians deserve a fair dinkum choice.