

‘The Gillard Government is imposing a new \$6 per head Tax on the Australian Producer’

The Facts

The Australian Meat Processing Industry has with the Federal Government developed and supported a new model for export services in Australia.

The new model will require less resources from the Australian Quarantine Inspection Service to operate but will affect regional businesses and jobs.

The new inspection model will provide The Gillard Government with \$30 million of savings.

The Federal Government wants industry to pay 100% of the cost of the new model for Australia’s export services by deciding to eliminate the existing 40% rebate for Agriculture.

Based on a recent Senate Estimates Hearing it was acknowledged that the costs for the new model results in \$6 per head tax for Industry from 1 July 2011.

This cost will ultimately be borne by livestock producers.

Most of our major international competitors do not pay these fees. This \$6 per head tax will reduce our international competitiveness as a meat exporting country.

This decision will act as a “tax on livestock production and exports” that will threaten the viability of meat processors and producers alike.

What should you do?

Contact your Local Federal Member urgently or Minister Ludwig’s Office on (02) 6277 7520 and ask why the Gillard Government wants to impose a \$6 per head tax on the Australian Red Meat Industry.

