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Dear Senators,

**Open letter to Senate Committee investigating:
Regulatory approaches to ensure the safety of pet food**

On 20 June, 2018, [Senator Patrick moved the pet-food motion saying:](#)

Minister Littleproud has already acted to seek State and Territory support for review of the regulation of pet food in Australia, in conjunction with relevant stakeholders including the Pet Food Industry Association of Australia and the Australian Veterinary Association.

As long-time campaigners regarding the safety, or lack thereof, of commercial pet food, we are delighted that you are about to conduct a Senate Inquiry.

This is a time of 'paradigm shift' in the veterinary profession. Alas, too many vets in positions of influence in universities, associations and government departments adhere to the old, failed commercial pet-food inspired paradigm. Until now they and their opinions have informed Government policy.

We hope that the enclosed documents and books can illustrate the current failings and provide a guide to a kinder, more healthful future with benefits measuring in the \$billions.

- 1.) December 2010, [RMB Newsletter 11:1 20th Anniversary](#).
- 2.) May 2004 Mr Paul Lynch MP, current Shadow Attorney General, statement to NSW Parliament. [Legislative Assembly Hansard – 13 May 2004](#).
- 3.) July 2013, excerpt from [Sydney Morning Herald article: July 11, 2013](#).
- 4.) September 2015 [Dr Richard Malik article in The Conversation](#).
- 5.) January 2017 article in the [Hawkesbury Gazette](#).
- 6.) *Raw Meaty Bones: Promote Health*.
- 7.) *Work Wonders: Feed your dog raw meaty bones*. (Easy reader on practical issues.)

We propose to make a submission to the Inquiry and shall welcome the opportunity to provide more information as you may require.

Yours faithfully,



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