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I AM WAITING TO COMPLAIN
MOST BITTERLY ABOUT THE
DECISION TO ALLOW NEW ZEALAND
APPLES INTO AUSTRALIA. I AM
NOT AN APPLE OR PEAR PRODUCER,
BUT I AM EXTREMELY CONCERNED
THAT THIS INDUSTRY IS TO BE
IMPERILED BY IMPORTS OF
FRUIT FROM A COUNTRY WHERE
FIRE BLIGHT IS ESTABLISHED.
THE ONLY WAY TO ENSURE THAT
THIS DEVASTATING DISEASE
DOES NOT GET INTO THIS COUNTRY
IS TO EXCLUDE ALL IMPORTS OF
APPLES & PEARS. WE DO NOT WANT
A REPEAT OF THE HORSE FLU
DISASTER. WHAT DOES BIOSECURITY
EXIST FOR BUT TO PROTECT THIS

COUNTRY FROM SCOURGES SUCH
AS EQUINE INFLUENZA AND
FIRE BLIGHT? IT DOES NOT
EXIST TO RUBBER STAMP ANY
AND ALL IMPORTS INTO
AUSTRALIA.

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