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Dear Sir,

At a recent General Meeting of our Association, it was resolved that a letter be written to you to oppose and urge the Federal Minister for Primary Industries to oppose the introduction of live Foot and Mouth Virus into Australia.

It was felt that with modern communication and fast transport, that arrangement might be made for veterinary staff to make practical studies in existing overseas laboratories and suspect cases could be examined there with a minimum of delay.

If that meant having standby aircraft ready to fly, it would be better than taking risks with such dangerous matter.

Yours faithfully,

JAMES A. COMMINS  
President.