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HD **Short-sighted politicians just selling off the farm**

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THE ABC Indonesia correspondent George Roberts has recently reported that Indonesians have been directed by their government, to **buy** a **million** square kilometres of prime grazing and farm land in Northern Australia.

Having developed a taste for our beef, and tired of trying to do **business** with Australia, the Indonesian government has acted to ensure the supply of food is secured for their people.

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Millions of square kilometres of prime country will now benefit Indonesian interests instead of Australia's.

Forward thinking governments (unlike our own) are acting to combat any hint of food shortages, by making sure they have land tied up that can produce food for the next generations.

The proposal is only in the planning stages, however, we have recently seen **China buy** our biggest cotton farm, as well as buying up sugar cane farms right up and down the east coast.

We are watching our future being **sold** off to the highest bidder so a politician can get re-elected next term.

The politicians are trying to outdo each other in a rush to offer voters the "most" at the next election.

When the cupboard is bare, when the last vital asset has been **sold** off to offset debt, what will be left to call "our country" then?

Our future generations will be fed a diet of second-rate imported food, from questionable sources, while the prime food will go overseas to the hungry mouths of other countries.

These countries recognise the necessity of food.

The average age of our farmers is above 65, with skill shortages already having far-reaching effects on productivity in rural areas.

Massive green tape (that other trading countries do not have to contend with), bad tax systems, duopoly supermarkets killing our farm incomes and ignorance of Aussie consumers of the truth about food production is spelling the end of the man on the land.

We have insulted and pushed our biggest neighbour into self sufficiency at our own loss.

Jenny Brown and her band of vegetarians are as short sighted as our governments. Our farmers are suffering as never before. Jenny you are right about one thing, the next generation will judge us; harshly I fear, when they cannot get fresh **milk** or fresh anything.

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