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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Full page advertisements by major retailers claiming that 97% of the fresh food they sell is Australian grown, are meaningless if most of the processed foods they sell are imported, as appears to be the case.

Would Coles and Woolworths please place full page advertisements showing what percentage of processed foods sold by them are actually grown in Australia and the percentage their firms, are aiming for?

Will the same Companies undertake to, as soon as possible, remove from their shops all goods packed so as to disguise or mislead customers about the origin of their content.

If major retailers are going to be fair dinkum about their drive towards Australian content I would expect them to do a lot more.

In particular Tasmanian (and Australian) vegetable growers are entitled to their support.

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