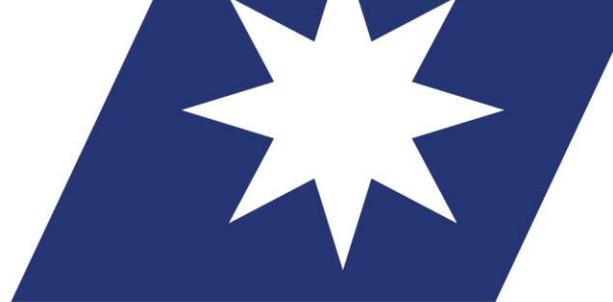


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Katter's Beef with Brexit

KENNEDY MP, Bob Katter is urging the Federal Government to act swiftly and strike a deal with the UK so more Australian beef can be exported following Prime Minister Boris Johnson's success with Brexit.

Mr Katter met with Trade Minister Simon Birmingham at the last sitting week and urged him to send a delegation to the UK to promote the cause.

"There should be people spending their whole time in England tying down the markets," Mr Katter said.

"Do you think Argentina and Brazil are sitting on their hands? Like hell they will be.

"I've tried to point out to the Minister that we've got to get aggressive here."

Mr Katter said the industry organisations are not skilled in this area of marketing and are not the people to do the job.

"I would suggest successful processors & cattleman Trevor Lee take the reins on this one," Mr Katter said.

UK residents were paying three times the price for beef in the final months of 2019 compared to what Australians were paying in their own country (statistics attached).

"Their people stand to benefit greatly from a deal and they'll have a cheap source of high quality protein," Mr Katter said.

The Member for Kennedy also foresees a return to the lucrative market of the early 1970s before the UK joined the common market.

"We were sending twice as much beef to Great Britain as we were to Japan before they joined the EU," Mr Katter said.

"The Japanese and British markets were bigger than the American market. Those three accounted for nearly 90 per cent of our beef exports.

"We were absolutely crippled when Britain joined the common market. We were sending around 70,000 tonnes then, and overnight we were sending none. Japan cut off our exports and we let them get clean away with it."

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