

# STOP!

## Do not feed swill to your pigs.

### ***What is swill?***

Swill is the traditional name given to food wastes fed to pigs.

Some food materials are **prohibited pig feed** and are **NOT** allowed to be fed to pigs.

### ***Why is swill feeding illegal?***

Swill feeding has been implicated in all the major outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) in overseas countries including the devastating outbreak in the United Kingdom in 2001.

The regulations prohibiting the feeding of swill exist to keep Australia free from FMD and other exotic diseases.



***A person must not feed, or allow access to, food waste, stock food or any other material containing mammal product (such as meat, blood, offal, bone or hide) to a pig unless the feeding of the mammal product is in accordance with the Regulation.***



# These food wastes are prohibited pig feed

## Do not feed:

- Any food containing mammal products. This includes pies, sausage rolls, bacon and cheese rolls, pizza, salami and other delicatessen meats and table scraps.
- Any carcase or part of a carcase of any mammal. This includes any meat (raw or cooked), bone, blood, offal or hide. Pigs that feed on carcasses are also at risk of contracting anthrax which is contagious to humans.
- The excreta (droppings) of any mammal.
- Any substance that has come into contact with prohibited pig feed via collection, storage or transport in a contaminated container such as meat trays and take away food containers.
- Household, commercial or industrial food waste. This includes restaurant waste.

**These restrictions apply to all pigs including pet pigs.**

## Are there any food wastes that are not prohibited pig feed?

Yes there are provided, they have not been in contact with meat products or stored in contaminated containers.

## You can feed:

- Milk, milk products or milk by-products either of Australian origin or legally imported for stockfeed use into Australia.
- Eggs.
- Tallow, gelatine.
- Dry meal made from meat, blood or bone (rendered to Australian Standard AS5008:2007)
- Non-meat bakery waste.
- Fruit, vegetable, cereal or legume waste.
- Vegetable oil or oilseed waste.



**If in doubt – don't feed any food waste without checking first!**

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