



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Waiter, don't talk canola to me! There's a bull in with my cows and caffeine in my coffee. What should I do?

I looked out this morning to see Rastus from across the road in the paddock with my cows. He's broken a few wires in the fence and eaten some grass. I can still sell the cows' milk and the calves will still go to market at Easter. Should I call the media or the Department? Get a lawyer? Should I just leave Rastus to hang out in the paddock for a month or so to see what happens?

On top of this, I'm going easy on the caffeine, so I ordered decaf when I arrived in town. The woman serving me used the same coffee filter for my decaf order, as she did for the previous "long black". Did a few granules of caffeinated coffee, in my six to eight grams of decaf, change the status of my coffee? Should I explore legal action against the barista, the coffee shop, the coffee machine manufacturer or perhaps the coffee bean producer?

The decisions were overwhelming me ... but then I smelt and tasted the coffee. I think I'll just go back to the farm, walk Rastus home, have a chat with the neighbour and fix the fence, and tomorrow is another day.

Agriculture operates in nature. Coexistence has occurred for centuries. Common sense shall prevail.

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