



Keep them closed

The Editor Dear Editor, Frigid temperatures and cramped conditions have made meat-processing plants COVID-19 hotspots. Cedar Meats in Melbourne was recently closed down for a month after it recorded 111 cases of the disease. Meanwhile, Queensland's Dinmore beef processing plant has closed for a week, citing market volatility and a shortage of victims to kill. The slaughterhouse normally kills about 13,700 cows per week. Isn't it time now to shut down each and every one of these facilities – and filthy, rotten factory farms too? As long as they remain open, tens of thousands of animals will be killed and workers, their families and the whole community will be put at increased risk of contracting the coronavirus. No one needs meat. In fact, the consumption of animal flesh is linked to a host of health problems that are among the leading causes of death, including heart disease, cancer, strokes, high blood pressure, diabetes, and obesity. For the sake of animals, workers, and the public, let's close these dangerous facilities. And then let's keep them closed after lockdown by choosing vegan meals, for which no one had to die. Sincerely, Mimi Bekhechi Campaigns Adviser PETA Australia PO Box 20308, World Square Sydney NSW 2002 (08) 8556 5828 mimib@peta.org.au

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