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Dear Sir or Madam:

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Adverse Comment

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We are all careful to raise healthy birds, and spend the extra dollars to maintain our emus without antibiotics and medication. We spend much more here in the US to have the processing preformed (approximately \$90) per bird. It is probable that feed and labor costs are also lower in Australia and New Zealand. These costs have to passed on to the consumer or we have no business. Please do not put us out of business.

Thank you,

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