

**E**DUCATION authorities which have withdrawn British beef from their school menus to avoid the possible transfer of BSE have behaved responsibly. Government Ministers who suggest that authorities have overreacted to the dangers of contracting BSE also advocate, when it is suitable to their argument, the principle of choice. If education authorities decide to use Irish beef instead of British, Ministers should be defending their right to choose.

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