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WA
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Pig and Pigeat Industries
LB2 Collins Street East Post Office
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Dear Sir,

The serious injury to my seventy five sow piggery business as a result of low pig prices over the last five months caused by pork imports is as follows:

As at December 1997 the price of my bacon pigs was budgeted at a conservative \$160 per pig. I now find the net price per pig is \$132 per pig. This reduction in income over some 500 pigs amounts to a figure of \$14,000 not being available to cover production costs and living expenses for my family of five.

My plans to improve accommodation for the weaner pigs has been put on hold along with other smaller adjustments which has limited the herds ability to improve and hence compete with subsidised imports.

The pig industry needs a quota put on all imports to give producers the confidence to expand and compete on the export markets.

Yours faithfully

Bernie Mullan