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In making our submission to the Productivity Commission we would like to very strongly point out the grave situation the Australian Government has allowed the Australian Pig Industry to get into.

We have been in the industry for 42 years and have not seen things so low.

The problems in the industry have been building up for several years, not allowing people in the industry a chance to build up some reserves.


When the government first allowed imports in from Canada and Denmark things became very tough but when they allowed imports from the USA, it was the straw that broke the camels back.

It would be different if we were competing on an equal basis but the commission must realise that pig meat from these countries is heavily subsidised; maybe we should be too.

We think a body should be set up to oversee the amount of imports brought into Australia based on local costs of production.

Politicians and Government Officials are not thinking about the consequences of importing pork from these countries; forcing our pig prices down. When producers are down to their last, they offer them some money to leave the industry with dignity. This is disgraceful.

We have a 650 sow piggery employing five families, and because of the drought grain has become very expensive and pig prices are down. We have seriously considered whether we can carry on under these circumstances; leaving five families unemployed.

  
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