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To whom it may concern:

Re: Submission to the Productivity Commission: Safeguards Inquiry into the Import of Pig meat.

Our family have been a Pig Producers for thirty five plus years and have moved with the times and the technology. This is the reason we are still pig producers of top quality livestock.

To survive in this business Pig Producers have to produce top quality livestock however we and all Pig Producers are not being paid according to indexation in return of sales and rising costs associated with producing top quality meat. The reason for this is the flood of imported pork which most of the consumers are not aware of what they are buying.

The result of this scenario is that there will be more pig producers going out of business.

As this occurs it will not only have effect on the pig producer but many other businesses associated with pig growing and Australian society in general. Businesses affected will be transport companies who cart not only the pigs but the grain and the minerals, the grain growers, mineral suppliers, veterinary supplies, employment, sale yard workers, meat workers and no doubt much more.

The effect on society in general will be a result in many more job losses and repercussions on the well being of the Australian people with the imported pork not having the same Quality Assurance as we are compelled to have in Australia.

There are diseases in other countries unknown to Australia. Imports will result in our country having these diseases.

Farming businesses running at a continual loss is no incentive for the future of the younger generation Australian Farmer. The attitude towards food producers in this country has to change and one change has to be the amount of imported food. The flood of imported pork is governments miss managing of food producing businesses in Australia resulting in huge declines in the industry. The government needs to ensure protection for the Pork Producers now against imports before there is a total collapse of the industry.

The consumer is paying tenfold for his food whilst the producer is receiving no increase for his produce.

With rising fuel costs how can imported products travel the distance and still be cheaper than Australian Pork.

Yours sincerely



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