

Pigmeat Safeguards Inquiry
Productivity Commission
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12th February, 2008

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Safeguards Inquiry into the Import of Pigmeat- Accelerated Report

B.E. Campbell notes the Productivity Commission's findings in its accelerated report on the Safeguards Inquiry into the Import of Pigmeat. However, we wish to emphasise that high feed costs have been successfully managed by the pig meat industry in the past, and are a temporary problem.

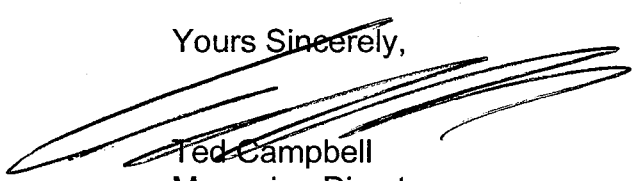
We feel that the Accelerated Report places too much emphasis on the cost of feed. The Commission's inquiry should be focussed on imports and the pricing practices of countries such as Denmark (who continue to adjust their prices in order to undercut domestic producers).

Domestic prices are very sensitive due to the concentration of the industry across a relatively small number of key players. Prices can change very quickly in response to producers exiting the industry and/or winding back production due to cheap imports. For this reason, it is important that the Productivity Commission monitor prices (as part of its assessment of whether imports are causing serious injury).

Could you please explain what the Commission defines as serious injury being "threatened" as opposed to serious injury being "suffered"? When does this "threat" materialise and what process does the Commission have to assess this?

Thank you for considering our concerns. We look forward to hearing your response.

Yours Sincerely,



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