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Attention; Andrea Coulter Pig Meat Safeguards Inquiry Productivity Commission LB2 Collins St East Melbourne Vic 8003

Are safe guard measures justified?

Pig growers who are still in business can only be there by being very efficient in managing their business. For this industry to survive it is now past management and efficiency it is the price we need to receive for our product! Therefore measures are needed now!

Pig Meat prices need to increase for two vital food industries to survive that is the pig grower and the grain grower.

The reason for this is:-

The grain grower needs the higher prices than what they have been receiving for sometime.

The pig meat producer to survive needs his meat to return what adjusts with the input costs.

Costing

The cost of everything relevant to the pig growing business has increased greatly, some products up to 100% whilst returns of pig meat sales after three years of total disastrous prices is now only reaching the average price of what it was four years ago. Do you know of any other industry that can survive these figures? No business can survive without making a profit.

## More demand for local produce

The large amount of imported pig meat has to have a big impact on whether the pig grower in Australia can survive or not. How can this meat travel the

distance it does and reach our shores for less than what we can produce the meat here? Take the imported meat out of the market and there would have to be more demand for our local produce regardless of what the accelerated report on provisional safeguard measures believes.

## **Increased Prices by Supermarkets**

Supermarkets are increasing their prices due to the drought. How can this happen when the pig grower is receiving less for his produce?

We urge that something is done now so this industry will survive before another industry is taken from this country!!! We are an island in the middle of the ocean is our own food industry not vital to our country?

When will it end with industries moving off shore and before we become the unlucky country, instead of the lucky country?

Could the CEO's, Politicians, Average Worker survive on wages of 10 years ago? Unlike the pig grower who doesn't even receive a return of wage.

Yours faithfully

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