

11<sup>th</sup> October 2004

Ms Kate Maddern  
Pigmeat Inquiry  
Productivity Commission  
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Melbourne VIC 8003

**Re: Tasmanian Island Pork Alliance**

Dear Kate,

The Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association writes to support the submission to the Australian Pigmeat Industry Inquiry from the Tasmanian Island Pork Alliance

As outlined in the submission, the pigmeat industry in Tasmania has been affected by a series of issues affecting its profitability, including competition from meat imported from subsidised producers in Denmark.

However, the industry has taken a "self-help" attitude and has set up the Tasmanian Island Pork Alliance to assist its members to improve their production and profitability.

The Alliance is currently negotiating membership of the TFGA, so that its members are also represented on wider industry issues such as freight, animal welfare, etc.

Although small by national standards, the Tasmanian pigmeat industry makes an important contribution to agricultural production and employment in this State and we fully support the submission to the Industry Inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

Rupert Gregg  
President