

Wheat Export Marketing Arrangements: Inquiry

I am totally opposed to the deregulation of wheat marketing in Australia.

The AWB has served Australia's wheat growers well and faithfully for 60 odd years and should have been left to do it in the future.

However, there are now 23 competing exporters of Australia's wheat (including AWB) and in a short time 5/7 years) there will only be 4 or 5 left and these remaining firms will form a cartel and dictate to the nation's wheat growers and pay them just enough to keep them in business, pocketing the profits to keep city based investors very well supplied.

I am totally against the deregulation of wheat marketing and will vote against the present Government and Minister Burke at the next election in spite of any good things the Government might do. Burke is a disgrace to the wheat growing industry!

I realize that these remarks are probably irrelevant and historical and will be ignored but I express them as a matter of opinion. Commercial interests have won out!

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