

In relation to the recent move by supermarkes to take control of the Australian milk market. It is a short term benefit to consumers but at the demise of corner shops, service staions and vendors. When these valueable members of the community are gone out of bussiness.

The supermarkets will have total control of what is arguably the most important part of everyones daily diet.

As a dairy farmer I am very concerned that when contracts become due later in the year we will be forced to take another pay out, that will decimate those who are left of what used to be a vibrant industry.

In the Singleton Shire in the Hunter Valley pre deregulation there where 126 dairy farm's now there are just 18, and that trend has been seen all over Australia. It makes me wonder how long before someone can see there will be NO Fresh Milk for anyone let alone the supermarkets, to make huge profits.

Dairy Farmers have only one source of income, Supermarkets have hundreds of items.

It is only supermarket greed that has got the Dairy Industry in the mess it is in, but in the end the consumer will pay more, as Dairy Farmers continue the dramatic decline.

Regards

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