

To
Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and
Transport
PO Box 6100
Parliament House,
Canberra.
ACT 2600

Dear Sir/ Madam,

With respect , I strongly object to the senator Rex Patrick submission to ban cotton exports.

I believe it is an essential part our rural structure and its loss would destroy the strength , built upon by a dynamic industry ,to local communities along the length of western NSW.

Rural communities are finding difficulty in adapting to the changes and challengers in their environment . The human population has also greatly changed. Nobody can withstand the differences in our seasonal changes in climate let alone a climate that is changing continuously due to other dimensions. We need some stability and wealth can create this.

To remove the cotton industry through political constraints is not a healthy solution. We need to find more water as our water sharing plan is not sustainable but a short term fix. We need to support schemes that can move foreword our country, not inhibit its progress. Schemes such as a Bradfield Scheme or similar need the efforts of people like yourself to move us into the future. Not ,by way you suggest ,to deprive our children an agricultural future in western NSW.

If the cotton industry falters it should be because a more responsible way of using water is discovered for rural agriculture in western NSW. Not for any other reason.

There is no sustainable water sharing plan.I have not seen in my many year of being involved with water a number which determines the population that the volume of water can support. That is the leading question. Not whether an industry supported by water should be sacrificed to support another consumer.

Yours Sincerely,
David Fleming.

Sent from my iPad