

To whom it may concern:

Herewith submission to Senate Inquiry:

As milk producers we cannot conduct our business while receiving less than the price of production for our milk. The public expects the dairyfarmer to produce milk by farming using environmentally friendly techniques. There are many costs associated with Dairy farming and the supermarkets must respect the hard and constant work that goes into producing each litre of milk.

Market control is not an excuse to desimate the Australian Dairy Industry.

How will the public be able to purchase fresh milk if farmers are forced out of milk production? In times of disaster it is imperative to have different areas where fresh milk can be sourced. The public would not want to have to buy milk from overseas when local Australian dairy farmers can provide fresh milk to the supermarkets. UHT is not the same as fresh milk from a cow.

The supermarket price war will give the public cheap milk but the public will demand the right to fresh Australian milk, however. this will not be possible if the milk producer's livelihood is destroyed. Australian primary production is the way to feed the nation. The government must stop the greed of the supermarket chains.

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