

To The Secretary W & A, And. Rural Affairs.  
Committee of Enquiry 'Dear Sir,

As a dedicated wheat grower, allow me to make a submission on the urgency to retain the W & A, until we can return to a better system, whereby Australian wheat growers are protected from being governed entirely, by overseas traders, As one who knows the story from before, the 60 years, of outstanding marketing, and in the recent debacle, of rogue traders in Indonesia, 26 exporters, breaking up council roads, because they don't own enough wheat, to carry it on rail, as the one owner system did for 60 years, Would any Liberal or Labour understand the real ramifications if a War, started, would we have to get permission to use our ports, so here complete nationalisation is necessary to maintain the entrance to our nation. The need to repeal all legislation of deregulation until the Cole enquiry and its recommendations are completely spelled out, and a decision made does a mega billion dollar compensation exist, remembering the estate Hon Crean when he insured the wheat that Iraq owed and growers received \$380 million dollars, it was believed that NWB had insured the balance, but after all these years it has been revealed that, this money will be paid,



The base of A W B was started in 1915 to create a wheat pooling scheme, to assist wheat growers and ensure, vital foodstuffs during world war one, disbanded in 1921, ~~what~~ and reintroduced in 1939, what a tragedy that this scheme was not available so the returned soldiers of the great war who had been given blocks that were too small, in most cases very poor housing, farm sheds etc, is it any wonder that so many had to leave these blocks in the great depression, many walked the roads to try and earn some money to send home to their families, they were desperate for work, in order to try and survive. The 1939 scheme was much better, after the declaration of war, P M Menzies left Australia and spent some time, with Sir Winston Churchill, it was at this time the great Alex Wilson & his fellow independent - crossed the floor of Ted Gough, and handed the P M. to John Curtin, on his passing, P M Chifley took over, we all knew Menzies thoughts on the future of the Interim A W B, so the lobbying began, and Ag Minister Pelard Wilson & Co, approached P M Chifley who legislated it into law 1948, all went well until the drought of 1967 - a big wheat crop. 1968, saw a visit from John McEwan to A W B, talking about wheat quotas, it got through, and bankrupted many wheat growers, prior to this a referendum had been run in the US & wheat production was rejected, Sept 1969 saw the mass growers meeting in the Plaza Theatre Bendigo where wheat growers soundly rejected quotas, they were removed 1975.



Now, what future has Australia got, if it continues as it is being led today, eventually we will be peasants in our own beautiful country. So let me offer some comments.

We must nationalize all food producing land in Australia, available to be sold Australian to Australian but not to international nations. As there is no substitute for the human race we must nationalize all water away from the control of any politician, and place it in the hands of the water board, for food production & human use.

We must seek ways to put young men & women on the land to replace our ageing farmers, and continue food production, selling our surplus to the world. We must continue to encourage manufacturing in the inland cities & towns, along with we must retain the existing populations and not lose them to the cities.

We must set up training centres to create skills that young men & women can benefit with these new work skills, employment opportunities Australia wide.

Thanking you  
for Rex MacPherson,