

# **Re: Performance of Australia's dairy industry and the profitability of Australian dairy farmers since deregulation in 2000**

Improve the profitability and viability of the industry by removing the ability of Coles and Woolworths to bully farmers into accepting non-viable prices for milk. This has been a huge factor in driving dairy farmers out of the industry, and has privileged big business over small.

Establish, if need be, a set price for the product and prevent this kind of gouging from occurring again.

I never buy the cheap milk. We need to have solidarity with our farmers or we face having no dairy industry here at all. China and other countries in Asia could be a huge customer for our milk and milk products, so think of the future.

Regards

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