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To: Senate Committee.

Re: Senate Review of Wheat Marketing Act Amendment Bill 2002.

Backwell Grain Trading p/l is a small exporter of Durum wheat. We have to supply a lot of information to the WEA just to receive export permits, costing us a lot of time and expense hoping that this information is kept confidential.

Backwell does not support a user pays system to keep the WEA operating as this is another cost on top of the added costs we already incur not being able to export in bulk shipments.

We believe that the government are the ones that want single desk marketing of Australian Wheat to remain so they and all Australians should pay to keep the WEA alive. Wheat being a major export commodity benefits all Australians and this extra penalty should not be put on small exporters and wheat growers.

As government through previous reviews has found, the single desk benefits not only farmers but the whole community then the community should pay. Otherwise remove single desk that will also remove the need to have a WEA.

AWBI-AWBL

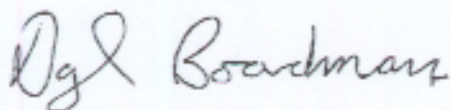
Backwell believes that there is very little that either one of these entities does not know about each other. As from what we have seen this past year with the domestic durum trade the only way that what happened did happen is through each other knowing their business.

We believe that there is only a handful of people work for AWBI and all work is contracted out to AWBL.

This would create a lot of overlaps I guess.

We think this should be strongly looked at and controlled.

Daryl Boardman



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