

Miss Janette Radcliffe,

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Committee Secretary of Senate & Rural
Regional Affairs Committee,

Dear Miss Radcliffe,

I am writing as a very concerned farmer
on what is happening about the single
desk issue. I would like to ask the
following questions.

1. Why is it farmers have been given
a short period of time to respond and
over the Easter holiday period which means
less time for correspondence to be organised?

2. Farmers are and need to be after 7
years of drought, very capable of looking
after their own industry so what will
happen to the quality control if we
lose the single desk?

3. Farmers fought for the single desk
during 2007 with 70% wanting to
keep it so why is government going
into the big companies and not looking
after the family farmer?

We are a family farming unit with
our son and daughter-in-law, with their
2 sons wanting to go farming, and have
been for 6 and now 7th generations so we
are very concerned regarding our future.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Barbara Carmichael.

