

**SUBMISSION TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
WHEATMARKETING
FROM WHEATGROWERS JIM ALEXANDER AND JEFF
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Working Families Grow Wheat Too

Our concerns were confirmed when reading the media release from the Honourable Tony Burke. His comments were quote “we will create a modern and competitive market which rewards companies for the quality of their commercial operations and financial capacity.”

When the Entech report used by Mr Rudd in his communications with producers before the election indicated the single desk paid producers between \$15 and \$30 per tonne extra.

Is the government prepared to subsidize us like the other big country producers of the World as the only protection we had was the single desk, and our service industries and labour are all high costs?

Producers, especially the young, are despondent at the lack of consultation. They had been to a meeting of 300 producers in Beverley and 98% voted in favour of single desk. After the Ralph Report came to nothing they believe the current legislation is a done deal between government and traders.

We need checks and balances to ensure prices are not bid down in any one market by multiple exporters.

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What protection does the government have to protect Australia as a Nation from transfer pricing, as the big grain traders of the World are not Australian owned?

Does “financial capacity” mean a system would be put in place to ensure the change of ownership is when payment is made not sign over at receival points?

The loss of Golden Rewards diminishes the payment for quality e.g. the moisture content of wheat in our area is normally 8%, but we are allowed 12.5% by marketers. Without Golden Rewards this is a loss of 8 tonnes of moister per day from each header (\$3,000).

Would the government be prepared to fund an educational marketing program on the new regime as Farmbis will be discontinued at the 30th June?

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