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To: The Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Standing Committee,
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Regarding: Inquiry into the provisions of the Wheat Export Marketing Bill 2008 and Wheat Export Marketing (Repeal and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008.

Dear Members of Committee,

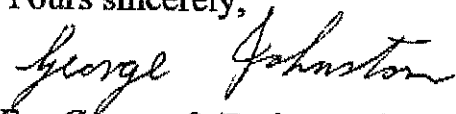
On behalf of my family, and as wheat growers for four generations, we are extremely concerned about the possible changes to the "single desk marketing scheme for wheat".

We urge the Federal Government to retain the "single desk" as changes to the current scheme would disadvantage Australian wheat growers. We feel Australian wheat growers must retain a "National industry owned single desk entity" for marketing our Australian wheat. This is imperative, as growers need to be able to compete at an International level with an export veto, and we feel the costs involved with implementing these new changes would be passed back to the growers.

Since 1939 the single desk marketing system has worked extremely well and as wheat growers we have been very happy with this arrangement. Australia is the envy of the world when it comes to marketing our wheat. Why change this current system when it has, and is, working so well!

We urge the Committee to consider the above so wheat growers can operate their business in a cost effective and efficient manner.

Yours sincerely,



For George & Barbara Johnston.

4th April 2008.