

To The Senate Rural & Regional Affairs & Transport Standing Committee

I believe it is a must that Australia remains a country with a single exporter of wheat.

As a grower I have enough to worry and work out on a daily basis as to the running of the farm & I don't want the extra burden of planting, nurturing, harvesting then delivering a crop then have to market it to the best of my limited skills.

In the past we had a very capable selling system in which I had full confidence. Confidence that I would get paid, confidence that I was being looked after. There is no need to fix something if it isn't broken. I thought the AWBI was doing a great job.

The government (Labour) may well have gone into the last election with a policy of change for the exporting of wheat but no one ever said that was the reason they were elected – no way.

It seems like, here we go again. The government will organise another study, another survey another commission into wheat export marketing and what have all the results told them. Australian farmers want a single desk for wheat export marketing. We the Australian farmers are being treated like fools. It's as though they will keep up the surveys until they get the results they want. Well its not going to happen.

I have two young sons who have many years yet before they decide on their future employment direction, but if this government has their way they will not be farming. As we are on the smaller end of the scale as far as grain production goes, a multi seller of export wheat from Australia will not benefit us at all. It can only hurt our future prospects and line someone else's pockets.

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