

Agricultural Competitiveness Green Paper Submission

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What are the top policies from the Green Paper that the Government should focus on in the White Paper and why?

Family farms particularly because of the wholesome effect on the communities and business generally.

What policies from the Green Paper don't you support and why?

The only question I raise is "free trade" if it affects our farmers unfairly such as the citrus industry where we allow adulterated concentrated orange juice with carcinogenic contamination from Brazil at prices that cause our farmers to live like persons in third world countries.

General Comment

We have been battling as a community and Area that takes in the Murrumbidgee, Murray, Lachlan, Goulburn and Darling Rivers and their Tributaries to retain and increase water for food and fibre.

Firstly we need to undo the foolish MDBA Plan that takes water away from food and fibre production and lets that water run out to sea.

In the 10 years of drought(2000 to 2010) the environment did NOT suffer (I live here and I did not see anything suffer) only the farmers who could not get enough water to grow their crops as the water often was not there. Some of the farmers committed suicide due to the twofold effect of not enough water and the banks increasing penalty interest when they could not pay due to the former issues. The environmentalists who refuse the idea of dams are so blind that they did not realize that it was the dams that did not allow the rivers to run dry all during those 10 and more years.