

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?

Animal welfare in the farming community should have been included in the Green Paper.

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

General Comment

I wish to strongly support the submission made on this Green Paper by Voiceless.

That animal welfare organisation has outlined all the reasons why I believe the competitiveness of the agriculture sector can be improved. The Australian community has reacted strongly to the cruelty inherent in factory farming. Coles and Safeway will be phasing out products involving cage eggs and sow stalls. Subway, McDonalds and IGA stores have also indicated they will not use cage eggs. Society is changing. Animal welfare is high on the agenda of most Australians. The agricultural industries should take note of this movement - to ignore it will be perilous for them and their produce.