

Agricultural Competitiveness White Paper – Submission IP06

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-Under the terms of reference I note that there is no long-term reference to climate change.

-How can Australia plan changes to benefit food and fibre production without a long-term understanding of changes to weather, and the difficulties facing different regions posed by climate change.

-Climate change is not well represented by, having a look at drought management, and improving water systems alone. It is a whole of agriculture problem.

-If average world temperatures do indeed rise above 2C by 2050, then for much of inland Australia will have a mean above average temperature rise of 4C+.

Drought management will, in conjunction with the hydrological impact of climate change, be very stressed. Drought "management" will be very difficult.

-This is the single most important aspect of planning towards 2050, to omit climate change from the terms of reference is indeed a major failure. We will not be able to double our agricultural out-put.

This is a fallacy.