

Agricultural Competitiveness White Paper – Submission IP73

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I am a professional primary producer working in our family farming business. I have read through the issues pages and acknowledge that the majority of farm competitiveness limitations are mentioned. I believe that the best solutions are the simplest. Increase fuel rebate, implement fertiliser rebate (current high fertiliser prices cause farmers to make poor agronomic decisions based on economics thus restricting production potential), implement freight subsidy to increase development potential at greater distance from port, implement veterinary subsidy (many producers destroy animals and suffer great emotional stress as the expense of employing professional assistance is greater than the value of the beast). Finally, interest subsidies for private farming businesses would increase a families ability to implement succession plans. These assistance measures in my opinion would benefit all primary producers and the towns that support them.