

Agricultural Competitiveness White Paper – Submission IP221
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Increasingly, people around the world are waking up to the problems of globalisation and forging alliances aimed at fairness and social equity. The Australian Food Sovereignty Alliance (AFSA) is an example of organisations focused on food security that prioritises sovereignty. These growing formations of people are fluid and flexible but united in the key principles of what is truly sustainable for the future of people living holistically on the earth. I support the submission by the AFSA and any group aiming for similar objectives. A good deal for a few powerful food producers cannot compare to a livelihood for many more smaller scale producers. At the local level, the farmers markets are bursting with people looking for ways to ensure that they get quality produce now and in the future. Concerned citizens who learn of the dangers of cheap imported foods are switching on and learning about the plans for corporations to prevent conscientious objectors from stopping their domination. Beneath the spin of big deals for the big producers are many people seeing the real effects of globalisations' trend of a race to the bottom through competitive zeal and liberalisation. The impacts of climate change and the capacity for younger generations to cope with the stress on food systems is why I am expressing here my support for AFSA and their white paper as a vision of a properly sustainable path forward.

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