

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?

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

General Comment

Australia is really slow in promoting our Aussie clean beef and lamb. We run a farm stay and our Japanese/Chinese clients think more of alpacas than sheep - I believe we are not promoting our sheep industry enough. We should stop wasting money on promoting woollen garments to the rich and target all the population with a 50% woollen pair of socks, this would fix our low wool sales. We need to promote our clean beef and lamb in the media a lot more, especially overseas. Australian farmers are some of the best in the world and we need to get this message across. The government needs to focus on the young Australian farmers by giving them cheap loans for at least ten years to buy farm land and stop selling land off to overseas buyers. Australians may not be the smartest people in the world but they are the best at looking after farm animals and growing some of the best crops in the world. It seems to me that the cycle of droughts and floods that have been occurring throughout history is now being publicised as 'climate change' so that overseas wind farm companies can cash in on Australia's wealth. The Clean energy council are helping the rich and making the poor poorer by doing so. I believe if you stop the RET you will save millions of dollars and you can create jobs in other areas such as agriculture, food and tourism where Australia has a clean reputation.