

Agricultural Competitiveness White Paper – Submission IP15

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We keep hearing how Australian farmers need to be more competitive, but on a world scale we are more competitive than we are shown to be. I would like to see a system considered where any produce from a country that provides a subsidy of any kind to its primary producers, is counterbalanced by the Australian government as a \$ for \$ equivalent import duty (over and above standard government import duties) so that the produce of that country, when imported by Australia, is competing with Australian farmers on a level playing field. This will not solve our problems with subsidised farm produce sold elsewhere throughout the world, but it will go a long way towards solving the inequality of Australian farmers competitiveness in their own country. An example of this kind starts at home and it is pointless for the Australian government to point out the failings or unfair practices of other countries, without first making their own position clear at home. Until this happens, there is no such thing for Australian farmers as a level playing field.

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