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Productivity Commission
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Dear Sir

Why fix something that isn't broken? We are greatly disturbed over the possibility of deregulation of our industry which we believe is not suited to change.

We are one of the smaller producers milking around 70 cows. Have been involved with dairying for 55 years, purchasing our farm 40 years ago. Son and his wife are carrying on at present with grandson having just completed a dairy apprenticeship course through T.A.F.E. We wonder what the future holds for us and many other small producers. We read of supermarkets making large profits whilst we are forced to receive less for our milk. There isn't room for us to expand and land prices are too dear even if we wanted to.

We have suffered many setbacks but have managed to continue. In 1983/84 our whole herd suffered lead poisoning by DMR removing paint from the 101 year old Shoalhaven River bridge, loss of 22 head of cattle. We battled on – now deregulation threat is hanging over us.

We started with nothing, have worked extremely hard for what?

Yours sincerely

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