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Jamberoo NSW 2533
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Impact of Competition Policy Reform Inquiry
Productive Commission
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Dear Sir/Madam

I am dissappointed with the lack of information coming back to the farmers.

I am a dairy farmer milking approximately 50 cows. I cannot see a future for my farm after deregulation. I have been dairy farming 47 years and feel I am being forced out with deregulation. After already having to accept a 3c per litre drop in the price of milk, a dairy of my size will find any further decrease almost impossible to sustain and force me out of production.

I fail to understand why I eventually will go out of business and the processors and retailers continue to increase already record profits. The consumer is also paying more for our produce now.

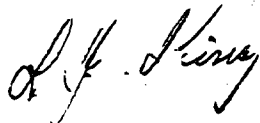
I am of an age where to relocate is out of the question and I am not interested in getting bigger. My herd size is exactly what I want and no more.

With deregulation I will be forced into receiving less for my milk and will become a price taker. I will be under the power of the supermarkets.

There will definately be loss of jobs with deregulation. I cannot see anyone new entering the industry because they will have to purchase large dairies to survive and their debt will be too great.

Deregulation is not for every industry and the dairy industry will not survive under deregulation.

Yours sincerely



Mr L King