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Impact of Competition Policy Reforms Inquiry  
Productive Commission  
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Dear Sir/Madam

I have been waiting for information on deregulation to arrive but there hasn't been anything, nothing sent, published or a public meeting of any kind has been forthcoming.

I am a dairy farmer with a small herd of registered cows. I have already felt the pinch from the loss of 3c per litre. The cost to produce the product hasn't gone down but our income has. Being a small farmer I have found it hard with the already loss of income and with deregulation I believe that my farm will be forced to close. I must feel sorry for those farmers with a debt because they will be unable to service their debt due to lower prices and will be forced out.

I feel only the big will survive and the processors will only collect milk from high volume dairies forcing the smaller producer out.

I am going to be forced to become a price taker and be at the mercy of the processors and retailers.

I have spent the last few years eradicating EBL so I can produce a high quality product and what for to take less for my high quality product.

Under deregulation my standard of living will fall significantly and my life style will change dramatically. I will not have the finances available to continue pasture improvements on a regular basis, which in turn means less funds injected into the community.

I fail to see how deregulation of the dairy industry has many benefits, the only ones to benefit are the processors and retailers who will continue to make millions of dollars profit at our expense

Yours sincerely



Mr N King