

To Productivity Committee on Wheat Export Marketing Arrangements

As farmers we are not in favour of monthly statistics on wheat stocks by state, especially not funded by a compulsory levy mechanism.

We do not agree that it will be to our advantage on the export market, where predominantly our wheat is sold. In fact we believe it could be the opposite.

In Western Australia if farmers choose to warehouse their wheat with Co-Operative Bulk Handling (CBH) it is right that CBH will have an unfair advantage in knowing the amount of unsold wheat that could be available for market.

The shareholder farmers are the beneficiaries if any gain is made.

We do agree that one single desk, export selling organisation, had that information to assist with marketing and hedging sales.

We believe giving that information to all buyers and sellers in a deregulated market will do more harm than good for our business.

Surely our government wants its farmers to survive and even make returns out of our industry before benefiting international companies.

Please inform us if to the contrary so we can exit the industry now.

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