Andrea Coulter Pigmeat Safeguards Inquiry Productivity Commission LB2 Collins St East Melbourne Vic 8003

This is a submission from Ken Gregor of KA and CL Gregor to the Productivity Commissions Safeguards Inquiry into the Import of Pigmeat.

My wife and I and our eldest son run a mixed farm, we grow crops, run sheep and after buying a neighbouring property 5 years ago which had a piggery on it we also run pigs. We started with 27 sows and over time have built the numbers up to about 50 sows, during this time we have spent money building an Eco Shelter and re roofing part of the original shed.

Now due to a combination of the imports of pigmeat and high grain prices we are going to reduce our sow numbers by half, even though we grow our own grain it will be more profitable to sell the grain than feed it to the pigs and make a loss.

If the imports of pigmeat could be reduced we feel it would benefit the whole industry making us more competitive.

Your sincerely Ken Gregor Owner/Manager KA and CL Gregor Ph.