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### Submission to Productivity Commission

#### From Miriwinni Lime Pty Ltd

**RE: Regulation of Australian Agriculture at a local level by  
Miriwinni Lime Pty Ltd – North Queensland manufacturer.**

Miriwinni Lime is a local family company with forty years of experience in agricultural limestone for agricultural purposes.

The following products, lime, dolomite and gypsum are distributed ~~from~~ *to* Cooktown, Mackay and west to Julia Creek. Gypsum is distributed to the East Coast of Queensland as well as to the Northern Territory.

With the ever increasing cost of electricity, the most recent being 13.2% from the 1st July and with more increases to come, makes the cost involved of manufacturing lime, dolomite and gypsum a major concern as the power costs have to be passed onto farmers and customers.

- Manufacturers can pass on the additional cost but this will impact on the affordability of the products to the farmer.
- When farmers cannot afford to purchase liming products at increased prices which is the case with crop production, the country will not have the availability of affordable crops – thus leading to shortage of food.
- If the Government is forced to keep increasing power prices, the nation will suffer when it comes to food production.

- To keep the Farming World on course with production of food, the Government will have to subsidise the farmers thus permitting them to continue production.

For more information please contact myself

Yours faithfully,

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Director