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Dear sir/Madam

I wish to put this submission to the inquiry on the following points the main and leading being imported frozen concentrate orange juice commonly known as (FCOJ). This affects a large range of farming activities including

- : Workers pickers packers
- : Spending power for plant improvements
- : Farm sales not able to sell or low prices
- : Quality of life little choice of 4 weeks annual leave when have farm to run.

Most farmers I know have off farm income, the balance of payments would be different if less FCOJ came into this country

You cannot change to growing something different every few years or even in less than 10 years, when you have been farming 30 years you like to see trees grow to mature trees so as to get rewards \$ of income.

The 2001/2002 Valencia crop is down in tons of fruit, maybe because growers haven't been looking after trees (fertilize sprays pruning) as good as when there is a good income. Also fruit is being left on trees later in season, because processors don't need the fruit as early as not much concentrate is done now as there was maybe 10 years ago. It would be a good idea if less FOJC was coming into Australia.

Let growers have crop here processed and then balance for Australia needs then come in as it is know that we don't produce enough oranges here for the juice tha is consumed. All should get better return even for imported as there should not be oversupply of FCO

Hope we can solve some problems

Yours truly,
G Minchin