

The Commissioners

The Citrus Inquiry

Productivity Commission

14th March 2002

Dear Sirs,

RE: CITRUS GROWING AND PROCESSING POSITION PAPER

I refer to my submission on your Position Paper emailed and faxed to you on the 1/3/02 and regret that my other commitments prevented me from being able to appear before the Commission at Mildura on the 13/3/02.

I was able to attend only for the first hour during which time I heard Mr Cosgrove make the observation that orderly marketing of some commodities from Australia in export markets had been abject failures, and he used the examples of the marketing of wool and grain.

I would respectfully submit that when you come to finalise your report you do not have regard to your knowledge or experience with such commodities as wool and grain when considering what recommendations you should make on the subject of export control powers for citrus, for citrus is a perishable the marketing of which cannot be compared with the marketing of non-perishables such as grains and wool.

Yours faithfully,

Keith E Richards.