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Citrus Industry Inquiry

Productivity Commission

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MELBOURNE VIC 8003

Dear Sir

I have been a Citrus farmer since 1956 and I am now 72 years old. Over the last 10 years my wife and I have worked a lot harder as every year I am receiving less for my oranges and also packing sheds are going broke and I am not being paid.

You cannot sell your farm as nobody is going to be mad enough to buy a citrus farm.

Australia is importing FCOJ from other countries which may not be clean or safe to drink when us Australians have to leave our oranges on the trees to rot and go broke.

I receive 8 ½ cents per kilo for my good quality oranges and in the supermarket they sell them \$2 - \$3 dollars per kilo "How does this work"?

To keep the farm going I need to keep spending money. Both my sons, have left farming as they were not even making \$100 an hour.

I grow over 8000 tonnes of fruit on a 85 acre farm. I would like to stay in the Industry but unless things change I will be forced to remove my orange trees and leave the ground empty.

Yours faithfully

(signed)

L & T Zalunardo