

This is a typed copy of a hand written submission

Dear Sir

My grandfather John Brady was the founder of the Rice Industry in Australia & was the Manager of a NSW Cannery which was at the time the biggest in the Southern Hemisphere.

He was called a "man of vision". This is all stored in the Archives out Penrith way.

He said the town of [undecipherable] & the [undecipherable] was made by the closer settlement of the fruit farms & orange groves.

It is immoral what the Citrus growers have had to contend with. They are very efficient & work long hours without profit. They are at the mercy of Government policy, imports processors and agents in the market.

The public have to pay unheard of prices for fruit, farmers should receive an adequate share of that price.

Water, costs, sprays, labour have gone up & all associate costs have gone up. The farmers are running their farms, working off farms as well, wives out working to try & meet farm & children's education needs. Why open new [undecipherable] areas

and ruin the ones already established?

There have been deputations, a protest rally, which has been a waste of time as no one seems to be listening – let alone acting.

The Riverina is a beautiful fertile area but when you can't sell a lifetime asset because who is going to buy when a farm can't make a proper income?

American fruit imports aren't packed as well as ours & not as good as ours – I took photos in the Singapore market as proof of this. Their advertising is tops as they have the money to facilitate this.

I know the markets out there as I have had 20 trips around to many different countries. Surely, there is a share for all.

Older people can't get off the farms can't sell the farms, can't receive a pension because they have a farm which has chewed up their hard earned money which was saved before the free trade.

I hope & pray the government will act on our citrus representatives submissions.

Yours faithfully
(Mrs) Phyllis Morris

PS. I am a grower 72 years old.

Husband lost both legs due to such hard work so I hope there will be a future on the farms for my son and grandsons.