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Citrus Industry Inquiry Productivity Commission Locked Bag 2 Collins Street East Post Office MELBOURNE VIC 8003

Dear Sir

1, Sam Alampi, of have been working in the citrus industry for 36 years and are now worse off than when 1 started.

In that time 1 have seen many detrimental changes happen within the industry including:

- The reduction of the tariff rate to 5%
- The importation of cheap FCOJ from countries such as Brazil
- The cancellation of the 25% juice content sales tax concession
- The differentiation in pricing along the Market Chain
- Labour issues and Superannuation

1 am currently working 16 hours a day to support my family, and still have trouble putting food on my table.

Personally, 1 think the Government can go and 'jump' as they don't care about the citrus growers. They beg us to vote for them when an election is on, fill us with empty promises, and don't listen to us when we try to explain our situations.

Yours sincerely

Sam Alampi -5-2