

**Submission to the Productivity Commission
Inquiry into the Citrus industry**

Factors that affect me the most:

1. The import of Brazilian Concentrated Orange Juice and the Labelling laws:
The low price of Brazilian concentrate is the basis of the pricing structure in Australia and the labelling laws are not clear as to where the product is coming from and what percentages of juice are in the product.
2. Competition Policy: There is not a level playing field for the Australian citrus growers.
3. Other important issues in our operation are labour costs, superannuation, workers compensation, sick pay etc: The costs that we incur in Australia are not relevant to low cost producing countries that we must compete with.
4. I am still working my farming operation with tractors and machinery that are over 40 years old, and with only my citrus income I haven't been able to replace them.
We need a stable price of a minimum of \$250.00 per tonne for us to be able to trade profitably, not with the current price of \$50.00 to \$100.00 per tonne.

These are some of the reasons that the industry is not happy. Yours

sincerely

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