

**NSW**

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Citrus Industry Inquiry  
Productivity Commission  
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Collins Street East Post Office  
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Dear Sir

I have been farming on Farm 115 5 ..... for 30 years since my parents bought it in the late 60's. The farm is predominantly made up of Valencia oranges, with some navel varieties.

I am concerned about the importation of FCOJ into Australia, because we are unable to compete with Brazil as our cost of production is too high compared to them, as their labour costs are so low.

I also think that labelling should be addressed, for example clear labelling of country of origin, easy to read and identify whether it is Australian or not.

I feel that the abolishment of the 2.5% juice content tax concession has affected our industry, juice companies are no longer encouraged to use Australian products as they can use those imported for a much cheaper rate.

If these conditions continue, I will be forced to walk off the land. I intended to pass my orchard onto my children, but if the industry doesn't get better, they will have no future on our farm.

The effects of the citrus crisis being seen in rural towns is a real threat. People are leaving to move to the cities, and businesses are being forced to close down.

Please consider these points when doing your inquiry.

Yours sincerely

Vince Iannelli