

Wheat Export Marketing Arrangements  
Productivity Commission  
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To Whom It May Concern:

We as broadacre farmers in the south central wheatbelt of Western Australia, produce on average several thousand tonnes of wheat and approximately 500t of barley per year. All our wheat and at least half of our barley is exported so we are totally reliant on the grain export industry.

We are pleased that now there is many avenues to export our grain but are concerned that due to over regulation the cost of the accreditation process to exporters for wheat are being directly past on to growers who are operating on marginal returns and are focused on minimizing cost where possible.

As growers we feel a streamline and simple regulation process is required to keep this flow through grain exporting cost to a minimum. The regulatory process applied by the Essential Services Commission of South Australia for barley exports is a good example of this.

As WA growers and shareholders of the CBH Group, we are also concerned about the access undertaking requirements placed on our co-op. It has placed a huge burden of cost to comply on the co-op which is already regulated under the Trade Practices Act and the Bulk Handling Act, these extra compliance costs could be better used on improving the co-op's infrastructure.

In summary we would urge the commission to address these areas of over regulation in an export industry we are totally reliant upon with due consideration to the fact that as farmers we are operating business with tight returns in an industry that is vital to the survival of regional Australia.

Yours sincerely,



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