



Australian Government
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Michael and Tanya Punturiero
Mystere Orchards / Lime King

Dear Mr and Mrs Punturiero

Thank you for your recent communications regarding registered establishment fees and the impact on your business.

The new fees and charges were implemented following consultation with the horticulture industry, and were passed through an extensive parliamentary process. The Government is providing \$6.5 million in transitional assistance through a \$6 million fee rebate over three years and \$0.5 million to assist in developing market access. This money has been made available to provide time for industry adjustment, hence your registered establishment fee will be reduced to \$1800 for this financial year.

The department is currently reviewing the broad requirement for registered establishments, in the export supply chain.

The department is committed to working with the horticulture sector on DAFF service delivery and cost recovery issues. As part of this commitment the department has established an ongoing horticulture exports industry consultative committee (HEICC). The committee will consult broadly with its stakeholders and provide advice on service delivery and more efficient export certification. You are encouraged to raise your issues to the committee through a HEICC representative. Information regarding the committee will be made available on the DAFF website shortly.

Additionally a public invitation has been opened to provide submissions into the Senate inquiry "Review of the Citrus Industry in Australia". The Senate Committee invites submissions to address the issues identified in the Terms of Reference. The Committee is seeking submissions from interested individuals and organisations submitted online or sent by email to rrat.sen@aph.gov.au. The closing date for submissions to the inquiry is 12 April 2013.

I would encourage you to utilise these forums to address your issues. Thank you for raising your concerns.

Yours sincerely

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