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Growers Disadvantaged under Katter's Horticultural Code Bill

The Australian Chamber of Fruit and Vegetable Industries Ltd, representing wholesalers in Australia's six central produce markets, have rejected Mr Katter's Private Members' Bill relating to the Horticultural Code of Conduct.

"Mr Katter's Bill does nothing to fix the unworkable Horticultural Code. It would make a bad situation worse for the industry and would significantly disadvantage growers in particular", said John Roach Executive Director of the Australian Chamber.

"The Katter Bill does not have the support of retailers, wholesalers nor the majority of growers or grower groups", added John

The Australian Chamber has always been a strong supporter of wholesalers publishing their terms of trade for business clarity and certainty for producers. Many wholesalers have been dealing with the same growers for decades often extending to second and third generations.

"I am not sure where Mr Katter is receiving his advice from but it surely isn't from main stream wholesalers and growers", said John.

"This industry produces and trades the healthiest produce in the world – some \$7-8 billion dollars annually, but we need a regulatory framework that is in line with the rest of business in Australia or a Horticultural Code that works properly. Neither the Katter Bill or the current Code gives the industry the tools to function properly", stated John.

The Katter Horticultural Code Bill has been referred to the House of Representative Standing Committee on Agriculture.

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The Australian Chamber of Fruit and Vegetable Industries Limited is the national industry body representing wholesalers and supporting businesses in Australia's six central fruit and vegetable Markets. Collectively our members employ several thousand people and have a combined turnover of some \$7 - 8 billion at wholesale prices.