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Dear Senator

**INQUIRY INTO THE BANKRUPTCY AMENDMENT BILL 2011**

Thank you for your letter dated 12 July 2011 regarding the invitation to make a submission to the Senate Standing Committee on Economics inquiry into the amendments to the Bankruptcy Regulation to allow for an exemption for Farm Exit payments from the provisions of bankruptcy.

The Western Australian Government submission is to support the proposed amendment to the *Bankruptcy Regulations 1996*.

It appears that this amendment will give greater certainty to farmers who are in receipt of an Exceptional Circumstances Farm Exit payment, that their payment is exempted.

Yours sincerely

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