

To The Senate Inquiry Regarding The Dairy Industry

We can never get anything for nothing and the lower the price the better off we think we will be but in the case of such low milk prices it seems ridiculous to expect dairy farmers to be almost giving away their product which they work hard to produce. If such low prices mean the demise of the dairy industry in this country the consumers will be the losers in the end. If milk needs to be imported from elsewhere we can not be as certain of its uncontaminated and excellent quality as of our own 'home grown' product. As a consumer I feel incensed for the farmers that they should be expected to accept such a paltry amount for their quality product. I'd hate to see the industry collapse just for the sake of competition between supermarkets. We are losing too many of our rural industries through moves by governments to try to make things equal for the world trade but there is no equality if the industries collapse.

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