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Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Rural & Regional Affairs & transport

Re: Inquiry into the removal of rebate for AQIS export certification functions

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you at this late date as the DIAA was only told third hand about the Senate Committee submissions this morning.

It is with great concern that the DIAA writes to you about the above issue as we were lead to believe that these changes by AQIS were a "fait accompli" and could not be changed. This was told to us at our AGM in Orange earlier this year by a representative of AQIS.

These changes will have a devastating effect on our export industry which is experiencing enough difficulty at present. This in turn will have an adverse effect on the farmer by potentially reducing his net return by 10%.

If it is AQIS' and the government's intention to wipe out the deer industry in Australia, then they are going about it in the correct manner. No industry can take a 10% reduction in their net income and remain viable especially in these financially troubled times.

The government has gone to a great trouble with its stimulus packages in an effort to cushion Australia and its producers from experiencing difficulties on the one hand and yet this action has the capacity to undo all that good work.

It is unfortunate that we have to learn about the possibility of changing this through the Senate process third hand.

Given the immediacy of having our name at least placed before the committee, it has been impossible for us to prepare a full submission. Please take this letter a indication of our strong objection to the increased level of charges and I hope that the Committee will see fit to balance this with the economic situation as a whole.

I remain a very disappointed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jim Moir', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Jim Moir
President DIAA