

To The Senator,

I urge you to reconsider the Milk farm gate pricing. At the present we feel that the we are underpaid as it is. I do not think you realise the impact on being a fresh milk producer has on the family unit and also the stress it has on one self. Let me take the opportunity to paint as picture for you my husband works 7 days per week starting at 4.30am and is rarely home before 7pm at night sometimes he will not have breakfast or lunch as he has not time. He has not been on a family holiday since 2004. Also thanks to deregulation I had to find employment which took me away from my family be, I never had the choice to be a stay at home mother. I realise this is our choice but with your chioce of employment how would you feel if several years ago your income was severly cut because of deregulation and now you have the power to deliver another blow by cutting our farm gate price and all this for Coles and Woolworths to make another huge profit. I ask is this fair and would you like this to happen to you? I think not. Well how about for once you support the aussie farmers! We are yet to face another tax Carbon Tax in which the prime minister stated that would never be brought in but at there is definently talk. My next question is how much further can you push the Australian farmer financially before their farms become unvialbe and are forced to shut down their farming practices. Have you consider this and the impact this can cause imagine life wihout fresh milk. I urge you to reconsider your decision leave the milk prices as they are or increase them please do not serve us another blow.

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