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The Premier,
The Right Honourable,
Sir David Brand,
Western Australia.

Dear Sir,

In respect to the impending legislation on Wheat Quotas and Fat Lamb Marketing Authority being prepared by the Farmers Union.

Having received a Wheat Quota of 1647 Bushels of Wheat for 19000 acres of land owned and operated by four families and employing more to assist. The development of which is currently at \$50,000 Per annum. Can not of course be acceptable for this Quota basis protects primarily those who have created the wheat surplus in Australia and in its present form the Greater the Quota cut the more farmers put of the land. If the Quota was on a percentage of acreage basis then all farmers would be assured of a basic minimum income depending on season and marketing factors.

When in actual law we are entitled to crop our 19000 acres with wheat and market same thru the Wheat Board upon your passing the necessary legislation for the Wheat Quotas this right which we gained in buying the land is thus being taken from us and no provision for such restriction of our land useage is in the conditions of our land Titles. Therefore it is assessed that such legislation is a deprivation of our due rights and further emphasised by the fact that the Wheat Quotas in conjunction with the respective legislation is a preferential formula and one which will result in financialruin of some farmers to the extent of putting them off their land for which the Government was respectfully paid for.

The Fat Lamb Authority which the Farmers Union is preparing for legislation, excludes from voting any farmer who has not marketed Fat Lambs. Which whilst we have purchased a Polwarth Stud for the purpose of cross Breeding and producing fat lambs gives us no vote. The proposed Fat Lamb Authority will issue license for the selling of fat lambs and any lambs sold without a license will be illegal. And it has been shown that your Government will Jail persons acting outside such Authorities as in the issue of Potato Growers of this year.

There it must be assessed in both these instances that our existing rights of production are being taken away and to the extent that a reasonable basic income cannot be had.

Also that the existing valuation of the properties has been reduced by the effect of these restrictions, at present being primatily the wheat quota. Further to which your Government are not concerned in protecting the Farmers rights to a basic income. Where in the farmers purchased their land originally thru the Government the due protection of rights should be proportional to the land costs under C.P. conditions.

Where in you are by legislation taking away our rights of income and without concern to the resultant drastic effect and is a preferential formula, and is further considered to be imposing on our rights then we consider that a claim of compensation is justified.

Further to which that where in it is considered that your Government is imposing on our rights, not giving equals fair consideration to farmers against their land purchase costs and in fact thru legislation resulting in virtual financial ruin of some farmers or causing them great financial loss then our families consider that where in you are virually pushing us out then O.K. we will get out and consider that compensation by the way of land whose rentals are thus a fair compensation be granted by the Governor to us and that such land be further declared Independence.

We will therefore submit this now to the Governor for his approval.

Yours faithfully,
L.G. Casley.


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