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To whom it May Concern at the Agriculture and Environment  
Committee

There is a large sector of community support for establishing the eligibility criteria and legal protection for voluntary 'fair milk price' logos to be placed on containers of milk. These logos are designed to inform consumers the region where the milk was produced and that the dairy farmer who produced the milk received a certain minimum price for the milk.

I know plenty of us who loved to read the dairy farmers stories on Dairy Farmers Milk cartons, it really helps you appreciate where your food is coming from and encourages you to purchase branded milk which you know is a wholesome product. I feel that the suggested labelling method (above) will have a similar effect. Thus more support for the industry to keep it sustainable and keep Australian Locally Produced milk in our diet.

The Milk in QLD particularly on the Atherton Tablelands is naturally Rich in Selenium (Selenium is considered to protect the body against contaminants such as mercury, cadmium, and silver, help speed the elimination of cancer cells, and slow tumour growth.) found in the soils, (undoubtedly the best way to deliver minerals and nutrients to our bodies rather than adding synthesised versions of the mineral to our foods). We should be exposing these unique qualities of our QLD regions and their ability to heal and nourish people with local naturally beneficial products like Dairy Farmers Milk. The type of marketing which could be applied alongside the suggested labelling bill above would not only help consumers to know their food and support the farmers working so hard to nourish all of us, but very importantly keep these farms sustainable for the future.

That the Bill also provides for the setting of a minimum price to be paid to dairy farmers in a region for the production of milk to carry a fair milk price logo is crucial to sustaining these farms which are

running at a loss due to being at the mercy of the Multi- National companies.

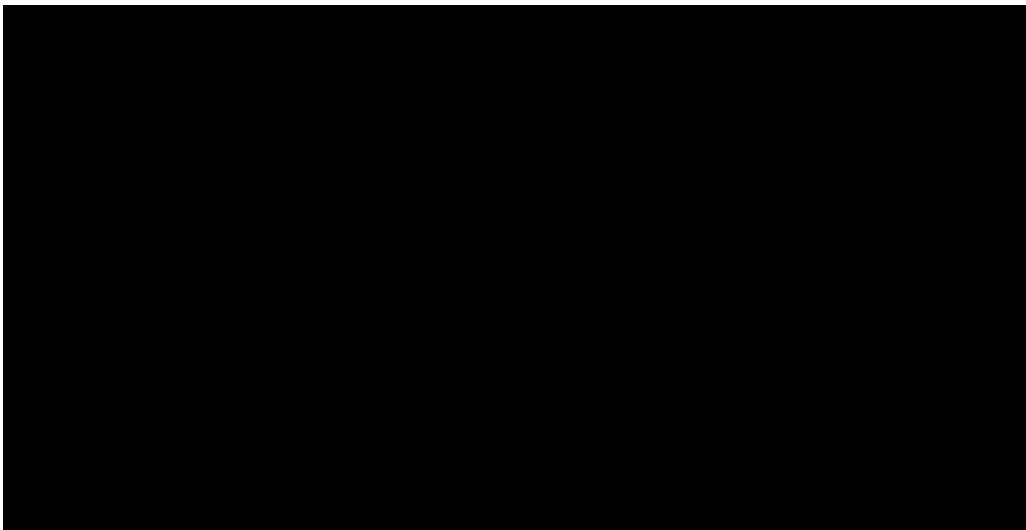
They say you don't understand someone's position until you have walked a day in their shoes. If we could all walk a day in the life of these farmers we would pay double for our product. These families **sacrifice their personal lives and sleep and finances every day to get the milk to the vats. We need more recognition and more funds for these farmers or we will have no milk. The farmers cannot live at a loss, they are under enough stress as it is.**

There are so many potential benefits to passing this bill and I for one would like to see it passed.

Yours Sincerely

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