

Supermarket Pricing Inquiry

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Re: Food producers experience reprisals when asking for fairness from the monopoly HQ Plantations created by Labor government that has a culture similar to Coles and Woolworths duopoly
All Queensland are being disadvantaged by the failure of QLD government to ensure accountability, transparency, failure of governance and management by QLD government who is meant to be managing our State Forests for Queenslanders not solely for a global conglomerate monopoly.

The government is failing all Queenslanders due to its failure to ensure that the monopoly of the State Forests is managed consistently with how a public asset is expected to be managed by QLD government. Food producers produce food and other agricultural commodities for Australians yet we have to interact with a secret commercial in confidence entity who is both a global conglomerate & QLD government delegate. This arrangement the government has with the monopoly global conglomerate has established an entity whose sole focus is on their pine profits and nothings else. There is no balanced consideration of the food producers and Queensland communities yet this is government delegate who is a government departments.. Food producers and all Queenslanders have been denied the basics that we expect from our governments to ensure that our asset are managed consistently.

How can Labor have this enquiry into Coles & Woolworths but not have an enquiry into HQPlantations who have sole monopoly over State Forests and their treatment of food producers?

- Does the Miles government want the people of Queensland to eat pine? Now that our State Forests are now run sole for the benefit of global conglomerate not Queenslanders food producers who operate & use the State Forests to produce food.
- A grazier who has had his fences removed by the government delegate then charged with illegal grazing stated "Miles government wants us to eat pine" just like Marie Antoinette said to the starving French people who were like Queenslanders now who are experiencing a cost of living crisis;; Marie suggested those starving "eat cake" which is luxury you cannot afford in a cost of living crisis.
- The grazier mentioned above wasn't illegal grazing but he was charged for this by the government delegate even though he owns the freehold land that "neighbored" HQ Plantations. The delegate hasn't replaced his fences. Instead they cancelled his grazing permit/ license as due to his failure to comply with conditions. How can the grazier comply when the conglomerate takes your fences away? How can a government delegate operate like this?
- My property has been burnt & looted by the delegate. Does these unnecessary costs affect food productions cost and viability; yes of course? Yes I have raised this with Miles government representatives and the government delegate but that is ignored and dismissed. My fences were burnt & bulldozed by the delegate then the delegate states I cannot manage my stock.

- Why has the government established this delegate with no checks and balances to ensure that this oppressive culture is operating?
- Food producers are interacting with an entity that is capricious and can continue to be capricious due to the lack of intervention by government and the government failure to manage what it is responsible for which is a public asset.
- The government cannot continue to abdicate it's responsibility to all Queenslanders to manage the public to standards we expect of our governments.
- Food producers have walked away because it too hard, brought forward retirement, almost committed suicide due to actions of the delegate, gone bankrupt, "don't want to rock the boat" as they as know how hopeless it is and there is no one in government for food producers. Yet there is there a secret Government oversight management group for the global conglomerate. I would not know of this oversight group except for a public servant disclosing that he was aware of it due to his job.
- There is no oversight group for the public that ensures that the entity even looks like and behaves like government delegate & department when it is performing government work for the people of Queensland.
 - Where are the training compliance, system audits by the government to ensure that decision are made consistent with Department of Science permit management operational policies and procedures?
 - Where the public statement declaring they are government delegate? Where the basics such as administrative systems with basic such as forms e.g. ensuring there aren't privacy breaches, authorized persons forms; fact sheet about reviews, contact persons in government?
 - Food producers are denied the basics and the norms egg procedural fairness, common law, natural justice and usual basis that meant to occur with government decision making. The delegate makes decisions are inconsistent with laws that apply to Queenslanders and bullies food producers to comply even though this unreasonable to say the least.
- The entity does not give food producers any information about the government delegation except if you are "lucky" but in reality very unfortunate as they only inform you that they are delegate when they takes extreme adverse action inconsistent with DES policies& extinguish your business then you may get 1 sentence stating they are a government delegate. No other information that would normally be supplied by a government delegate is supplied such as review forms, information about what options are available?
- No information is supplied to Queenslanders that enables the public to know that this is government delegate who is meant to operate like a government department
- How can a government have an entity that is opaque, not accountable nor transparent, who the QLD governments own department cannot recognize its own government delegate & make wrong decisions as looks like a PTY LTD entity? Who in the QLD government take ownership and fix this failure? Who will stop "finger pointing" fix this opaque mess?
- How can food producers operate when they are dealing with entity culture who culture is oppressive, harsh, treated with contempt and disdain as we don't make them any profits. I was told that "bothersome grazers are gotten rid of" and you are bothersome grazier we don't deal with bothersome grazers"?
- It is unreasonable, unfair and failure our of our democracy that an anything goes culture is stifling food producers

- What will the Miles government do about the failure of the government to give all Queenslanders fair access and use of the State Forests to produce food?
- All Queenslanders are being denied the basics by this monopoly who is being backed by the government to oppress food producers?
- Why hasn't the government ensured that this government delegate is operating as a the public expect a government delegate to operate?
- Through the stroke of a pen my viability and other food producers is gone as we are nothing to the government and no one in government is listening then taking action to change the abject failure of the various government departments to manage our public asset for all Queenslanders

I am imploring Tom Smith and Miles government to fix this situation and bring a stay of action for all for food producers who simply want to produce food for all Australians. We need the Honorable Steven Miles Premier of Queensland to govern differently to the past Premier to enable food producers to continue to operate without the added burdens additional costs, & stress that dealing with a global conglomerate government delegate who allowed to operate in such unique unusual way which is not consistent with a functioning democracy.

Regards
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Hi [REDACTED]

I need to add a small change to the letter that the government has created a Coles/Woolworths situation expect it is worse as the government created a monopoly and we have no other supplier to go to as unlike food where I can buy it elsewhere permits and licences are only available through HQP State Forests.

Regards

Donna