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23/7/05

Mr. Matthew Collett
Dept. Treasury

Re Pine Plantations Delegate/Bombala
Taxation Review

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my concern at the increasing areas of pine being planted in the Delegate Bombala district of Monaro. These plantations have a huge advantage in the Commonwealth allowing them tax incentives not available to other farming activities such as sheep, fat lambs and beef. This surely is not a level playing field.

Farmers cannot compete with the plantation industry because of these upfront tax incentives they are receiving and where the question is being asked as to the viability of the industry the tax payers are funding particularly when they are being planted in areas with insufficient rainfall required for proper growth.

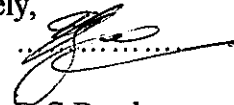
Why not a tax incentive on the end product?

Why are Farmers and Graziers not afforded the same tax advantage as the plantation industry?

I urge you to consider this situation as it is decimating the farming and grazing families in this district.

With Regards,

Yours Sincerely,



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Delegate