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The strongest organizations of labour and capital in this state united in a cause, as we see it today the greatest export from the Port of Melbourne. These honest folk had hard paths to follow, but now the mysteries of the future do not have the sober confidence we once had. This then is the message, pulp industry against the dairy industry in the Heytesbury and Western District. 60 farms of about 300 acres each in the Heytesbury or 20% of the total area are now under pulp wood. This area under pulp has tax advantage over the rest 80% still farming. The 80% has to carry the cost of infrastructure and loss of community life, business employment and population, all have severe loss and costs. An exactitude in drafting, variously interpreted and a desired activity does not flourish with lack of vigorous direction for the tourist industry is not evident. This area borders the Great Ocean Road and tourist buses return through this country. The Rural Finance Commission had a \$14 million profit last year. Some monies could have been used to set up young farmers. Example say a 300 acre farm producing a good living, a young farmer going into this business could pay \$2750 an acre, plus herd and plant approximately cost \$1,170,000 million of this the young couple would have to own herd and plant. Against this the pulp boys can offer \$3000 to \$4000 an acre with the tax advantage. The magnitude of our cause as we see it, strong returns from dairying good employment both on farm in factories, transport, schools and associated business and all sustainable environmentally friendly. Tax relief for the pulp boys and we do not believe sustainable. This South West area of Australia is best for dairying and the most productive plus Victorias No 1 export.

yours faithfully.
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P.S. I am sorry that this submission is late but I had no idea that this review was taking place.