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Dear Sir/madam,

We have been farming for 40 years, my husband for longer. We have never been afraid of hard work & always had a positive attitude & was always prepared to battle all the elements that farming gave us. We have always supported ourselves & family whilst growing up, but are finding it more & more difficult every year to make ends meet. We are both taking on more & more tasks to cut down wages, hence we are both working 12-15 hrs each day, 7 days every week. Instead of working less as we get older, the opposite is happening. Moral is getting low & the dedication & pride that we once had is now waning. The M.S.'s are making things even more difficult. We are not looking for handouts we just want to be able to continue farming with an even playing field with our competitors. The Proud Genuine farmers which have been the backbone & fed the country for so many years are soon going to be a thing of the past, unless something is done, & done fast.

Yours sincerely

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Review of Non-Forestry Managed Investment Schemes
Business Tax Division
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Dear Sir/Madam

Submission on Non-Forestry Managed Investment Schemes

Economic impact:

In your opinion do MIS have a tax advantage over conventional farms? *yes*

They are given Tax writeoffs up front, whereas the genuine farmers cannot.

How did this tax advantage influence your business? (Unfair market competitiveness, access to capital, is the tax ruling for investors "carrying on their own business" fair? etc)

if there you see one group of corporate farmers getting massive tax advantages over real farmers, moral is killed they can produce crops at a loss & can still keep going, money is not theirs, it is shareholders, we have to rely on borrowing more & more from banks, sinking further into debt.

How well do you think MIS perform in your area/industry? (Do they use water, labour, chemicals etc, effectively? Does their product stand out?)

they can move & move & splash so much money around which we cant compete with, we have to make a profit or we lose our farms.

Did MIS influence your input costs like labour and labour availability, other input resources? (Runner plants, fertilizer etc)

MIS pay less for their services, therefore give them an advantage and making us less competitive.

What is the effect of MIS on your markets? (Domestic and International. Have they influence market price?, supply etc)

MIS constantly undersells the champagne sometimes below costs which kills the real market price, and the competition puts real farmers out of business

Social impact:

In your regional area did MIS have any impact on the infrastructure and resources? (Roads, water, accommodation, traffic etc)

Every industry takes time and funds to establish it selves and to develop an infrastructure. Do you think MIS just tapped into costly existing infrastructure like previous research and facilities without contributing anything towards it? (Runner Grower Scheme, existing varieties, DPI research etc)

In this case this is a prime example, of MIS jumping in on the Strawberry Runner Scheme, after the rest of farmers have been pouring money into leases for research for plants, diseases, etc for many years, they come in & benefit at our expense.

Environmental impact:

What is the impact of MIS on the environment?

Yours sincerely

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