

Hillside Farm
RSD 380 Moritz Road, McLaren Flat Sa 5171

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Review of Non-Forestry MIS
Business Tax Division
The Treasury
Langton Crescent
Parkes ACT 2600

Dear Sirs,

We are a small family owned strawberry farm operating near the beautiful Kuitpo Forest on the Fleurieu Peninsula in South Australia. The property is perfect for strawberry growing with a reliable water source NOT reliant on the Murray Darling. The climate is perfect with warm days and chilly nights which provide ideal growing conditions for premium grade, succulent strawberries.

We currently supply our first grade fruit into Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide and Sydney produce markets. We have regular customers who demand our fruit because they are confident that we provide a consistent, high quality, great tasting berry. This does not come cheaply or quickly. Our efforts over many years of trials has resulted in the right varieties of fruit, ideal fertigation regimes, integrated pest management systems, reliable work force, improved quality systems and numerous other critical factors for a successful business.

Each year, the nature of our business demands that we invest hundreds of thousands of dollars to setup plantings for the following season. We have three children who are all keen to be involved in our family business. However, with the impending onslaught of the MIS, and their effect on the market, we are no longer confident that the future of our farm is safe enough to encourage our children to plan to be on the land. How sad!

We sincerely hope that your review finds that the MIS vehicle has no place in horticulture, specifically strawberries, and leave us and those like us to run our farms profitably for our children and their future.

Yours sincerely



Brenton & Vanessa Sherry