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RE: Submission on non forestry investment schemes.

To whom this letter may concern,

My brothers & I are third generation family farmers. As most people know farming like anything can have it's good & bad times.

Farmers in general can survive drought, floods, diseases in crops, hail storms, divorces & most other adversities.

Most genuine farmers survive one of the above disasters, they can recoil & say that's farming, but now in recent years there are corporations being unjustly backed by management investment schemes.

The Howard government allowed these investment schemes to spread there tentacles into general farming.

My brothers & I are part of the Queensland strawberry industry & have been for the past 35 years.

We have built our farm up to the standard that it is today through hard work & good honest farming practices.

Management investment schemes have moved into our industry in the last 2-3 years, with investors money they have started well above my level of farming leaving it impossible to compete.

As we have had a long hard struggle to get to where we are, & we find it unjust that we have to try to compete with these schemes, & it makes it almost impossible for new young farmers to even get started.

A good farm can compete with other farms on a level playing field, but not tax funding management investment schemes.

Regards
Twist Brothers
Per - Rick Twist

