

L.G. Casley,
10 Lockhart Street,
COMO. 6152.

3rd November, 1969.

The Governor Western Australia,
Sir Douglas Kendrew,
Government House,
PERTH. 6000.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed herewith are copies of letters sent to the Premier of Western Australia, the Wheat Quota Committee of Western Australia and a letter of publication in the West Australian Newspaper of 31st October 1969.

Firstly we have received Wheat Quota Certificate No. 018366 of 1647 Bushels for 19000 acres of land being newly developed over by four families. Have you ratified any such legislation which would make the above lawfull. If not do you intend to ratify such legislation.

If you have not ratified such legislation and no such legislation has not passed thru Government, then the Wheat Quotas are unlawfull at present. Do you thus consider that a Government should be allowed to act as it is at present with these Quotas which are in fact outside existing legal law. I would contend that a Government which acts outside of existing legal law should be asked by yourself to resine for acting outside of existing law. I feel that a strong Governor would do this Sir Paul Hasluck recently refused to ratify legislation until the election result which was quite appropriate. And in this specific instance many farmers are being adversely effected. And we must expect the Governor to keep the Government in order where in it is his preogative.

Our families in receiving a quota of 1647 Bushels of Wheat which wont even pay the interest on machinery purchased on H.P. and who will have spent by March 1970 around \$400,000.00 in purchasing and developing our properties, are very gravely concerned as to our future.

We consider that the Government is depriving us of our rights to duly farm and market our produce.

By the Quotas received it is clearly evident that the Government is not protecting the farmer to an equal percentage against his C.P. land costs, which was paid for the land.

Also no provision in the Titles allows the Government to interfere with his lawfull farming of that land.

And I can only strongly oppose anyone who thinks the Government can interfere with his due and lawfull rights to farm land which has been duly bought from the Queen for that very purpose. And further more when such legislation deprieves him of even a basic living and can only result in his financial loss and or ruin. More so preperential Quotas are the rule. Giving some due protection only.

This cannot in my opinion be consider as being good Government, fair Government to the farmers as a whole, or acting within the legal extent they are permitted without infringing on farmers rights.

We also know of the impending Lamb Authority Legislation being prepared by the Farmers Union.

Thus the matter is we consider of extremely grave concern, we have gone into the matter deeply we have also contacted our Lawyer on this before us.

Therefore when in the Wheat Quota Committee of Western Australia under the West Australian Government have issued us with a Wheat Quota Certificate restricting us to 1647 Bushels of Wheat which for the families concerned and the size of the property is ridiculously inadequate and is not a fair proportion in acreage costs per cent calculation basis and is also considered to be an imposition upon our rights. And when in the Government have so acted which is against us and not in our protection. That you should take some land held by the West Australian Government whose rentals will thus be a fair settlement of our losses thus being brought about by the Wheat Quota. And further to which where in the Government have acted against us and not in protection for us that in your so granting us said lands as compensation that you also grant us our independence, under the Queen and a part of the British Commonwealth.

The land we would propose is a reserve and station country in large which would incorporate our existing holdings. Have sea frontage and a reasonable balanced source of income from its various sources and potentials.

It would not be adverse in any respect to the Australian Commonwealth and should we consider be of some benefit.

We see this as the only means of amicably rectifying what the Government is doing against and to us.

We have as you will note duly informed the West Australian Government of our intention to so request this of you.

We believe that the Queen would sanction action to rectify unjust discrimination against her subjects by a Government when the Government should otherwise be giving the subjects protection.

Such action as requested will of course result in another large centre on the Western Australian Coast being built, and the population, will because of all necessary facilities, Departments etc not be purely a few families, but will quickly become a reasonable populace.

In all sincerity and after very careful thought and deliberation put this request to you with a feeling of amicability to all that this is a simple clear cut way of righting the position.

I respectfully trust that you recommend same to Her Majesty the Queen and that she in turn will give her approval.

I respectfully await your reply.

Yours faithfully,
L.G. Casley.


.....