

Westonia Pastoral Co.,  
10 Lockhart Street,  
COMO.

3rd November, 1969.

Wheat Quota Committee of  
Western Australia,  
Albert House,  
10 Victoria Avenue.  
PERTH. 6000.

Dear Sir,

Wheat Quota number 018366 of 1647 Bushels for land owned by S.J., L.G., G.W., I.G., Casley and E.K. Smith has been received.

This Quota will not pay the interest on machinery being purchased by H.P. at present.

The bulk of the land when purchased were in new land condition or undeveloped.

Developing the properties has been costing \$50,000.00 Per Annum, apart from the purchase costs.

Three Thousand acres of wheat was cropped on the first year and was a failure.

As until the land is built up the acreage of wheat has been low.

The number of personnel working the properties ranges from about a minimum of nine up to around 18 or so.

Comparison of various neighbours Quotas of special issue etc some of whom have been there longer than we have and others less than we have leaves a question as to the manner in which preferential allocations are made.

It is also to be asked whether you contend that this Quota 1969/70 is lawful at present. If so please quote the act which has been ratified making it law, so that we may take the issue to the Governor as in principle as being totally illegal against a farmers rights.

You must realize that when one is developing a property they expect to be out of pocket initially, they do however expect to see a reasonable income in the future.

To take away future prospects of reasonable income is of course to be strongly rebuked, and action against same must be taken.

When there is a marketing problem in agriculture then of course all farmers must bear the problem irrespective of any method adapted for joint beneficitation. However when legislation or any other action is taken to prevent a farmer of an equal right of participation thus becoming a system of preferential protection then those who are to be heavy financial losers and who have thus had their entitlement rights taken away have reason of complaint and entitlement to compensation, if compensation satisfies them.

In this existing means of calculating Wheat Quotas, the further the Quotas are cut the greater the number of personnel affected, and the fewer it gives protection to.

And it protects in preference those who have mostly created the surplus of wheat within Australia.

It may be said that for every acre of wheat growing land a farmer owns he primarily has the right to so crop that land, to bring legislation against him cropping that land and to deal with all farmers fairly, equally and give still the oppertunity of a basic income depending of seasonal and marketing conditions. Then restriction on the percentage basis of total land is the only fair means.

At present we would have more money in the hands of C.B.H. in the form of debentures than many farmers whose wheat quotas are far in excess of ours. So which ever way you calculate it we still have got in our opinion a raw deal, which may however be with in your mode of calculating.

We have expended Thousands of Dollars testing new pastures to the Agricultural area of Western Australia of which the Department of Agriculture is aware. Some of which are legumes capable of putting into the soil 500/750 lb nitrogen per annum. Other labority work is engaged on the improvement by new process of nitrogem fixation from the atmosphere and fixation of nitrogen on marble for observation has been under way for some time now. However we must ask ourselves at this stage what purpose is all this research for.

You may say that our restricted Wheat Quota we must now forget wheat and convert soley to stock.

Alright we have purchased a Polwarth Stud and will be cross Breeding to build a flock for Fat Lambs production which has been part pf pur plan of development.

And at present the Farmers Union is preparing for legislation to form an Authority for handling fat lambs, such Authority will issue Licenses for the selling of the lambs and selling fat lambs without a license will be illegal. Those who have not produced fat lambs are excluded from voting. And if this gets legislation ther e goes another sf the farmers rights. And we again will be caught still in the development stage.

Thus our families have come to the conclusion that in view of these impending legislations the only person who can rectify same is the Gôvernor, who<sup>in</sup> our respect we see only two courses of action open to him.

Please reply promptly to facilate our further actions.

Yours faithfully,  
Westonia Pastoral Co.,

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*J. Leasler*