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Mr Jonathon Russell  
Better Resolution Office  
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Dear Sir

I understand the Wool, Hide and Skin dealers Act 2004 is currently under parliamentary review. I wish to add my support for the retention of this legislation.

This Act replaced the previous act of 1935 with the aim of more fairly regulating an industry which at times has had a checked history. By requiring the licensing of businesses and the record keeping provisions within the Act, this industry is able to maintain a level of professionalism required to survive in the world marketplace.

The industry continues to support the Act because of the nature of the product can allow it to be easily stolen and then fraudulently represented when on-sold. Traceability can be extremely difficult. At least, as a form of preventive measure, this Act gives police the powers to investigate suspicious activities. The records required to be kept under the license provisions would assist in any matter under investigation.

This industry faces many challenges ahead along with the uncertainty facing many other rural industries. Now is the time to be enforcing any provisions that will maintain professionalism and market access to help them survive.

Wool, hides and skins can at certain times provide an essential income source for rural producers. Please don't revert back to the old days of no regulation and the industry being run by rouges.

Yours truly,

Roger Fletcher  
Managing Director