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SUBMISSION REGARDING THE WOOL, HIDE, and SKINS DEALERS Act.

From the INLAND WOOLBROKERS ASSOCIATION Inc.

Dear Jonathan,

In follow up to our phone conversations regarding the Wool, Hide, and Skin Dealers Act.

The Inland Woolbrokers Association's position on the Act is that it should remain in place and not be removed or changed in the best interest of the Wool Industry.

Prior to the current Act, it was possible for an individual to sell wool without any requirement of identification of ownership of that wool. This situation made it almost impossible for the Rural Crimes Detective's (Police) to trace the activity of some of the unsavory characters that will steal and re-sell wool.

The current Act has created a deterrent for theft and re-sale. The actual volume of Kilo's stolen may not appear significant to one who is not involved in the Industry first hand. The work involved from the "Brokers" perspective in covering the insurance claim and creating paper work for such a claim is extremely time consuming and frustrating. More importantly the impact of the theft to the Woolgrower and within a rural community has a far greater effect than non Industry people may well understand.

The current Act has also changed the landscape of the "Cash" business within the Industry with the changes and requirements since the introduction of GST; the Act has tidied up this side of the Industry to say the least.

The record keeping requirements for the Act have been accepted well by Woolbrokers and the general opinion of the Inland Woolbrokers Association is that it has no impact on the day to day running of a business. The records that are required to comply with "The Wool Levy" are sufficient to comply with the Wool, Hide, and Skin Dealers Act. The only additional information required for the sale of wool is identification, such as recording a Drivers License.

The process of Audit from the Rural Crimes Investigation Unit (Police) has not been found to be of any inconvenience from our members, and would appear to be included in the general activities of the Detectives involved. Reference to this would need to be clarified by the Rural Crimes Investigation Unit.



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In summary the Inland Woolbrokers Association can find no reason to have the Wool, Hide and Skin Dealers Act removed. For a Woolbroker/Woolbuyer who is running a business that complies to Industry standards and requirements, the current Act should not impede or be of any inconvenience to do so.

Yours Sincerely
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