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Dear Sir/Madam

This letter is about the ongoing concern about the price that dairy farmers are being paid for their milk. I grew up on a farm as a child and I am now farming with my family and never thought it would be as bad and hard as it was when we were growing up. I watched my mum struggle to keep things afloat and thinking to myself this will not be me. Well with the love and passion I have for farming I also have become in this position that she had and the stress to be able to pay our bills and live ok is unbelievable. As times have changed in dairying and there have been many increases in everyday living, I'm finding myself in the same position as my family growing up had. With the increases in living cost we can only draw 1 income from the farm for both of us working. We have 5 children and it has never been easy to be able to afford for them things that they need with every year telling ourselves that next year will be better.. Even things like groceries we still now go with out for 1 and a half weeks living from pay cheque to pay cheque. I don't know of many people who would be living like this. My plea to you as a mum and a dairy farmer is please help make this right or what we love will be gone. Our 4 girls currently work on our family farm and they do the long hours and have the satisfaction at the end of the day to see what they have accomplished. What will be left for them, my concern is what they love will not exist and this is a very sad thing as our children are 5 generation on our farm please help.

Yours DI Gee