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***SUBMISSION IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION FOR AUTHORISATION
for collective bargaining sought by the Victorian Potato Growers Council***

This submission supports the request for full authorization as presented by the V.P.G.C.

Public Benefit

The public benefit will be that there will still be a potato growing industry in Victoria.

The flow on effect of this is

1. Employment
2. Many millions of dollars spent in the community.
3. A sustainable supply of potatoes for both the fresh and processed market.

If the industry ceases to exist, the community will become reliant on imported product which ultimately will be more expensive.

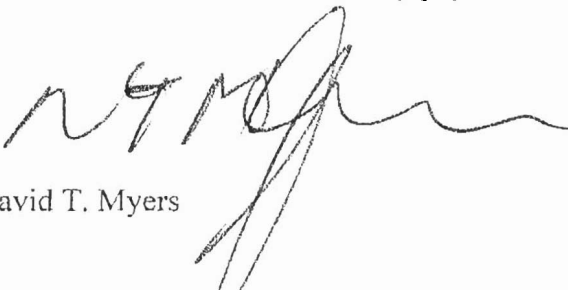
Anti Competitive Detriment

In relation to competition, growers are paid a minimum price. It is the end user of the product that should be more accountable for the prices that are charged.

Growers have to do everything possible to better their position.

It can't be said that collective bargaining will produce anti-competitive behaviour.

The general public should be more aware of what the price difference is between what the farmers receive and what they pay as consumers.



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