

To whom it may concern,

I encourage the Foreign Investment Consultation process to include calls to determine caps on foreign investment, expressed in percentage terms. This is especially so for water resources.

How these caps would be determined, or by when, obviously requires some thought. But by creating a deadline, it forces the national conversation regarding appropriate foreign investment to come to a head.

As someone born in Gunnedah in NSW's Liverpool Plains, and with parents born and raised in Tamworth and a grandmother still residing there, I know first-hand the sight of grass and pastures that seem yellower every time I venture back "home". The livelihoods of our farmers - and our nation's health and food security - is already at risk from drought. Overindulgence in foreign ownership only exacerbates potential tragedy.

Additionally, we take for granted that the Asia-Pacific region is presently relatively stable. A turn of events, which only takes a matter of days, would seriously test our ability to provide for ourselves.

Hindsight would be a disastrous skill to have if the proverbial farm has already been sold. Economic rationalism is only rational to a point, and beyond that it threatens our future security and national prosperity.

Sincerely,

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