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The Foreign Investment Review Board (FIRB) is a sham. Its track record of non compliance speaks for itself.

It is an absolute disgrace that governments in this country are permitting the most fertile freehold farming land in the nation to be sold to **FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS**, China in particular.

I find it alarming that governments in this country are of the opinion that flogging off **FREEHOLD FARMING LAND TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS** is going to end any way other than a total disaster. If there is any doubt about this then consider that Australia's significant LNG deposits are going offshore whilst there is a domestic shortage and fast rising prices for Australians. Lunacy!!! And now the same stupidity is about to be played out with the nation's food supply, overseen by the impotent and non functioning Foreign Investment Review Board.

Please consider almost no other nation allows the sale of its food producing land to foreigners, let alone to foreign governments.

Food produced on Australian farming land now owned by China will:

- never be sold in Australia as it is destined for the tables of the growing middle classes in China
- will pay no tax in Australia because it is NOT SOLD in Australia
- will be taken to ports by Chinese owned transport companies
- will be loaded at Chinese owned Australian port

With the new Free Trade Agreement recently negotiated by the current government China may apparently bring in their own workers.

The Foreign Investment Review Board is another toothless tiger in Australia which has clearly been instructed to allow everything through. What the nation and yet to be born Australians are being sold is BETRAYAL by their own governments. The fact that Australia may at some time have a population of 100 million people or more, and need to feed them, seems to be missing from the minds of those who clamor to govern us.

The Foreign Investment Review Board needs to be abolished and its job should be undertaken by a Board which is truly INDEPENDENT of any incumbent government.