

Foreign Investment

AttachmentThis was sent to the Adelaide Advertiser & Stock journal in 2012

It appears the Australian Government is short sighted because **where are we going to get our future export income from?** Once will sell our mining resources we have nothing left, agriculture is ongoing and can help the wealth of Australia forever. This is only if we still have and Australian farms left and they are not all sold. Australian best farms are being bought at a rapid rate that the Government probably don't know how many are now in foreign hands. The farms should be leased short term (3 years) its not rocket science.

Australia has so much potential in agriculture that still has a long way to go to be developed fully. I'm calling on the **Australian Government to stop the sale of all Australian farms/land now, not tomorrow, but now.** (No warning so farms are snapped up)

I thought in 2012 the Liberal National Party would have the common sense to stop the sale of our agricultural land once they were elected; I was completely wrong and no I am in despair about where is Australian heading.

My farm in Peake South Australia will never go into foreign hands while I'm alive and hopefully never. **This is clearly not in our National Interest.**

If you want me to state my case in person I am willing to do this.

Kind regards

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR
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Food security..... Supreme sacrifice

Did my Uncle die for nothing? Uncle Vern rose up and took the call by leaving the family farm to join the Australian Army to stop foreign invaders from taking over this great country. The farm is still in the family today. Uncle Vern died as a POW in Sandakan.

It appears Australia is now up for sale. It appears that any country can buy Australia and it doesn't need to be approved by the government, unless it's over 240 million dollars. I cannot really speak for my Uncle but I believe he would roll over in his unmarked grave. This is the reason he sacrificed his life to stop foreign ownership, takeover of Australia.

I come from the Mt Barker area and residents are worried about housing developments being built over prime farm land, which is a concern. What the real concern is, is the hundreds and thousands of acres, that foreign countries are buying. Some farms are as big as some countries! Recently New Zealand rejected foreign ownership of their land. They realized you don't sell your land you sell what it produces. This is common sense. Adelaide Now recently reported that Chinese state-owned company Shenhua Watermark Coal had spent about \$200 million buying up 43 farms on prime agricultural land near Gunnedah in New South Wales. Cultural diversity is great, as people contribute to our great country; however, foreign ownership is short sighted for our country's long term future.

The mining boom will one day come to an end and agriculture will again be our main primary industry. That's if any Australians still own any land. Food security in the 21st century could be a real issue and I want the government to represent my family and I, by stopping foreign ownership of our great country. Barnaby Joyce appears to be one Australian who is going against the flow and is standing up for our country and has common sense. I wonder if the government even knows how many farms are now owned by foreign countries. This government policy is clearly "Un-Australian" and not in the national interest.

I call upon all Australians to contact the government so they stop our farms going into foreign hands. I would like our government to be visionary and not short sighted because, she won't be right 'mate'!

I would also like to thank past and present Australians who have defended, and served to protect our great country. Lest We Forget.

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