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Good Morning/Afternoon,

As a member of the general public I feel that it should never be allowed for a foreign person , company or country to fully own Australian agricultural land or land that is used for any sort of food production. If they wish to buy land here it MUST remain as a MINIMUM 51% Australian owned. If a foreign person, company or country wishes to buy into Australian agricultural land then that fact MUST be ADVERTISED in ALL newspapers both national, state and community papers so that everybody has a chance to see and comment on who is trying to buy up the country.

The current state of affairs in Western Australia is a good case in point of unfettered buying of Australian land by foreign entities as there is a Chinese company that has strong Chinese govt involvement busy buying up farms, both agricultural and dairy, with the specific purpose of all that is produced on those properties being shipped straight to China which will mean LESS food for those here not only in Western Australia it will mean LESS for Australia in general.

I strongly urge the controls be tightened and as soon as possible so that we do not end up importing ALL our food with ALL the HEALTH risks attached to that because of the known pollution and unsafe growing procedures in a LOT of foreign countries.

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