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Land Register Consultations Working Group  
Foreign Investment and Trade Policy Division  
The Treasury  
Langton Crescent  
PARKES ACT 2600

Dear Sir/ Madam,

**Re: DEVELOPMENT OF A NATIONAL FOREIGN OWNERSHIP REGISTER  
FOR AGRICULTURAL LAND**

We were pleased to read that a Land Register was being considered for Land Ownership for Agricultural Land in Australia.

We believe it should not only include agricultural land, but mining areas as well.

Once the register has been established, Government will be able to make informed decisions about the trends in property ownership in Australia.

We have always believed that land in Australia for agriculture or mining purposes should be on a long term lease, the term of which depending upon the nature of the capital investment involved for the overseas party.

That way we can have overseas Investment but without foreigners owning our land, especially for food production, which will

Become critical in coming years as Asia's population and middle class expand, and demand for food increases.

We would be pleased to see an agricultural land register established.

Yours faithfully,

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