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Hearings into hog barns future : Brandon Sun 06 Mar. WFPress Top News 06 Mar.
Letter to the Editor;

The defence of the pork lobby sounds much like a well worn 78 RPM record with the needle stuck in the same groove, playing over and over and over.

"More regulations are not the answer says Andrew Dickson, General Manager, and only a last resort"

Well, I believe we are at the "last resort stage"; but since the regulations in place now are not being followed and adhered to, I cannot see how more regulations could be beneficial to help save our water and the environment.

Mr. Dickson also suggests that government should collaborate with producers, invest in new research and even offer tax exemptions. The way I see it, government has been collaborating with the hog industry since it was first conceived. Civil servants have migrated and been assimilated into the Pork Council in a fashion that resembles symbiosis. {consorting}. It is apparent the lack of dedication to the public, integrity and loyalty is of no concern.

As for tax breaks and new money for research: Why, I ask, should the public purse be used to further support an Industry that pollutes our air, our water and environment; puts peoples health at great risks and disrupts the very foundation of family and community lifestyle? (in rural areas and the City of Winnipeg).

Science and common sense tells me, those are the causes that are most important, and also worth fighting for.

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