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# **REGULATIONS; The good, the bad and the ugly**

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# What Business Are You In?

**My position is that a farmer or rancher facilitates the conversion of water, sunlight, and soil nutrients to produce marketable biomass in a sustainable manner.**

**We have traditionally produced commodities to sell instead of producing what sells!**

# What Business Are You In?

**Consumers take as their right access to a wide variety of cheap, high quality, safe food and fibre products.**

**New food/fibre production and processing technologies open up market opportunities for new products that products that sell in an era of “Entertainment Foods”**

# Regulations That I Operate Under

- **Many regulations have a historical bias**
- **“City States” with media dictate policy**
  - **and introduce criminal code**
- **Regulation is usually a one-size fits all**
- **Rural people have no input or recourse**

# Smart Regulations

## Based on

- **Trust, Innovation, Protection**
- **Environmental protection,**
- **Effectiveness**
- **Cost efficiency,**
- **Timeliness,**
- **Transparency,**
- **Accountability,**
- **Performance**

# Regulations As Cost of Food Production

## Input costs in food production

- **Variety registration of cereals,**
  - **(CGC, CWB)**
- **Environment al protection,**
  - **(endangered species, water, fisheries)**
- **Gun registry,**
- **International standards**
  - **(PMRA)**

**Everyone has to build an empire accountable to whom?**