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LP	<p>A CHINESE investment group has its sights set on at least 50 south-west farms as several of the region's leaders voiced concerns about the proposed mega dairy deal.</p> <p>Investment firm Linear Capital announced its masterplan will involve the development of two new processing plants and the "acquisition" of dozens of dairy farms.</p>
TD	<p>Apart from a vaguely-worded statement, Linear declined to comment on the proposed plan yesterday, or whether it wanted to buy farms or come to some sort of lease arrangement.</p> <p>The Standard understands several dairy farmers have already signed up to the Chinese-Linear deal as part of a lease deal, while other landholders have made in-principle agreements with the group.</p> <p>Former United Dairy farmers of Victoria (UDV) president Doug Chant said the reticent style of Linear Capital had left many in the south-west concerned.</p> <p>"The approach of this Chinese investment group has been secretive, very secretive," Mr Chant said.</p> <p>"As a patriotic Australian and dairy farmer, I cannot understand how anyone can support this model.</p> <p>"I'm all for</p>
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