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Mr Gavin Jones  
 Acting Director  
 Adjudication Branch  
 Australian Competition and Consumer Commission  
 470 Northbourne Ave  
**DICKSON ACT 2602**

ATTENTION: Stefanee Lovett ; File ref 90914

Dear Ms Lovett,

**RE: AUTHORISATION APPLICATION LODGED BY THE TASMANIAN FARMERS AND GRAZIERS ASSOCIATION (TFGA)**

I refer to your letter of 25 March 2004 addressed to our Mr Canale concerning the above-mentioned application. I also refer to our recent discussion concerning Simplot Australia's position in regard to the application.

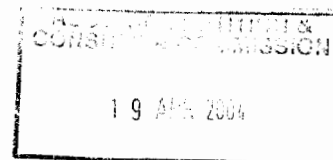
Simplot Australia does not, in principle, oppose the application by the TFGA to collectively bargain with processors such as ourselves for the supply of vegetables. We do however disagree with a number of statements made in the submission and consider without appropriate framework for the conduct of the parties that there could be significant detriment caused to the public.

We propose providing to you a written submission on the proposed arrangements together with proposal for adoption of a code of conduct. We hope to be in a position to do so by close of business 23 April 2004, however, due to the intervening Easter holiday period there may be some delays in finalising the submission and would appreciate an extension of time until 30 April 2004. This would allow us to consult with Mr Rich of the TFGA on the issue of the code of conduct.

If you have any questions concerning our submission please contact the writer on 03 95883516.

Yours faithfully,

K M Pollard  
 Corporate Counsel  
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