

## HILLCROFT CONTRACTORS

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Dear Sir

Re Authorisation applications lodged by Bartter Enterprises Pty Ltd, La Ionica Operations Pty, Baiada Poultry Pty Ltd, Inghams Enterprises Pty Ltd & Hazeldene Chicken Farm Pty Ltd, I wish to make the following comments...

- There is no point in authorisation being granted to processors who do not have the consent of the growers.
- It seems little point in granting authorisation allowing processors and growers to collectively negotiate without allowing growers to legally discuss matters with the processor not present
- There is unlikely to be any "Public benefit" in granting Authorisation to the
  processors application, since the is only about 8 growers in the state that have
  been party to the application. Any other grower would be up for their own legal
  expenses.

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