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Dear Mr Grimwade,

Thank you for forwarding to me a copy of the five Victorian Chicken Meat processors application seeking interim authorisation.

I note that one of the applicants Baiada, to whom I am currently contracted to, have requested that annexure B and C be excluded from the public register

. I assume that my details have been provided to you (without my consent or knowledge) in the event that I may at some time participate in negotiating collectively under the sought authorisation.

Having no ability to determine what the contract and conditions contain I advise that I oppose the Processors request for Interim Authorisation.

The position forwarded to you by Baiada as to why they seek authorisation is incorrect.

Grower contracts have not been amended as claimed.

The two parties have agreed to a minimal fee increase structured within the confines of the existing legislated contracts.

If contracts have been amended as claimed, and again without consent or knowledge then those contracts have not been legally amended.

As I have previously outlined, I am opposed to the granting of this authorisation.

It is also somewhat difficult to envisage how the claimed public benefits will occur if as I suspect less than 5% of the states chicken growers intend to participate.

It is also interesting to note the Processors claim that growers were going to take strike action last September. This statement is incorrect.

We had been advised that we could not grow chickens legally at that point in time and we were not prepared to have growers legally exposed.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Jones.

P S. I received an additional copy as President of the VFF Chicken Meat Group. Could you please amend this, as I no longer hold that position?