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Dear Mr Grimwade

### **AUTHORISATION APPLICATIONS**

Thank you for your recent letters seeking submissions on the authorisation applications lodged by the Victorian chicken meat processors and the Victorian Farmers Federation, Chicken Meat Group. I note that you also wrote to the Hon John Brumby MP, Treasurer of Victoria. The Treasurer has requested that I respond on his behalf.

As the authorisation applications are primarily a matter between the commercial parties seeking the authorisation, I do not propose to comment on specific details of the applications.

As has previously been indicated, the Victorian Government supports the principle of Australian Competition and Consumer Commission authorisation of collective negotiation arrangements in the State's chicken meat industry.

I look forward to the Commission bringing these parties closer together to resolve a way forward for this industry.

I would appreciate being kept informed of progress with authorisation applications for the Victorian chicken meat industry. Should your officers wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Ms Lucy Ripper, Senior Policy Analyst Animal Industries, Department of Primary Industries on (03) 9637 8487.

Yours sincerely

**Bob Cameron, MP**  
Minister for Agriculture

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