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Dear Mr Gregson

**Milk Vendors' Association (SA) application for authorisation A90927
Pre-decision Conference**

Thank you for your letter of 2 March to Mr Fletcher inviting Coles Myer Ltd to make a submission at the Pre-decision conference on 22 March.

Although the proposed authorisation has an indirect effect on Coles Myer Ltd, at this stage we do not believe we can add anything to the matter for determination and will therefore not be attending the conference.

Coles Myer is on record as not objecting to collective negotiation authorisations in the Dairy Industry, where these have been subject to the exhaustive process applied by the ACCC to protect consumers by ensuring competitive tension in each geographic market remains i.e. not all suppliers can be in the one collective. Coles Myer would only be concerned if collective negotiation resulted in the inability of self-distributing retailers to introduce new supply chain methods to the South Australian market.

Thank you for the invitation and opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely

Ted Moore
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