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4 May 2005

Mr Michael Whillas  
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Dear Mr Whillas

**Re: South Australian Oyster Growers Association Inc. applications for authorisation  
A60024 and A60025 - interested party submission**

I refer to the above applications for authorisation lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 25 February 2005 and 11 March 2005 respectively and amended on 5 April 2005.

As you are aware, on 5 April 2005 the ACCC wrote to interested parties seeking submissions in relation to the applications. The ACCC requested submissions be provided by 29 April 2005.

The ACCC has received one submission from Ms Vicki Blesing and a copy this submission is attached for your information and/or comment. This submission is also posted on the ACCC internet site at [www.accc.gov.au](http://www.accc.gov.au).

In addition, to assist the ACCC in its consideration of the applications, I would appreciate the following additional information from SAOGA in relation to the operation of the levy:

1. The amount of money collected by SAORC under the levy each year since its establishment.
2. Specific details of the distribution of monies raised to fund the research and development projects identified in SAOGA's submission in support of its applications for authorisation (i.e. amounts spent on each project).
3. Details of any other projects, or SAORC operations more generally, funded by the levy, including the amount of funding provided by the levy.



4. To the extent currently known, specific details of how it is intended that the monies raised by the levy in the future will be spent (i.e. ongoing or planned projects intended to be funded by the levy).
5. Details of instances, if any, where growers have sought refunds of levies paid.

Please provide this additional information, along with any comments you may wish to make in relation to the submission, by **cob Friday 29 May 2005**, in order that the ACCC may progress its consideration of this matter.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Michael Green on 9290 1960.

Yours sincerely



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interested party consultation

Dear Sir,

It is in my opinion that the agreement to allow SAORC to invest money levied on all oyster growers in SA through the purchase of oyster spat, for the purpose of research and development, is a fair and just approach.

I feel that there is no public detriment, only benefits to the public as this research and development is vital to maintain and improve our product, which benefits all.

This process has no effect on competition.

Yours truly

Vicki Blesing

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