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Dear Mr Cassidy

DAIRYWA APPLICATION FOR INTERIM AUTHORISATION A90961/90962

I appreciate your correspondence of 27 May advising me of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's decision to not grant interim authorisation to the proposal by DairyWA for a milk negotiation agency in Western Australia.

My Government remains supportive of initiatives by the Western Australian dairy producers to improve their equity of bargaining power relative to processors and retailers. Balancing bargaining power is central to obtaining better price outcomes for the farm sector.

I look forward to receiving your draft determination on this issue.

Yours sincerely

Kim Chance MLC
MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

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