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Dear Ms Mattila

Dairy WA's applications for authorisation - A90961 / A90962

I refer to my letter of 27 May 2005 informing you of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's (the ACCC) decision with regard to the request for interim authorisation and advising that the next step would be to progress Dairy WA's applications for authorisation to draft determination. The ACCC's assessment is progressing with submissions made by Dairy WA and interested parties being considered.

In my letter of 27 May 2005 I advised that the ACCC's assessment in relation to interim authorisation was not assisted by the lack of detail on important aspects of the operation of the proposed agency.

The ACCC would welcome any further information you may wish to provide at this stage. In particular, you have previously referred to the preparation of a business plan and pricing models by external consultants. You may wish to advise of progress in preparing the business plan. You may also recall that in responding to questions raised in my letter of 28 April 2005 you advised that certain details would be agreed at a later date with farmers. Where you are in a position to update any response in this regard, such would assist.

Should you intend to provide any further information at this stage, I would appreciate receipt of such by 1 September 2005. Please feel free to call either Sue Philp on (02) 6243 1354 or Siobhán O'Gara on (08) 9325 0608 should you wish to discuss any aspect of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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