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Dear Mr Carter

**Federation of Australian Wool Organisations application for interim authorisation
- A90984; A90985 - interested party submissions**

I refer to the above application for interim authorisation lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 20 September 2005.

As you are aware, on 27 September 2005, the ACCC wrote to interested parties seeking submissions in relation to the application. The ACCC requested submissions on interim authorisation be provided by 14 October 2005.

The ACCC has received submissions from the following interested parties:

- The National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia Inc;
- The Australian Wool and Pastoral Agency Ltd; trading as Schute Bell Badgery Lumby;
- The Australian Wool Exchange Limited;
- The Australian Superfine Wool Growers' Association Inc;
- The Adelaide Wool Company Pty Ltd;
- Australian Wool Innovation Limited;
- The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade;
- The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry; and



- The Australian Council of Wool Exporters
- Wool Producers

A copy of each of these submissions is attached. All publicly available submissions are also posted on the ACCC internet site at <www.accc.gov.au>.

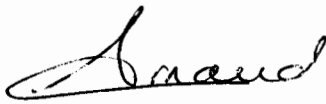
Please feel free to comment on any issues raised in the submissions.

We are particularly interested in your views on the submission received by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and their concerns that the proposed arrangements do not increase costs for wool growers who already contribute a 2% levy on bales of wool sold, to the wool industry for research and development purposes.

In addition, we are also interested in your views on the relationship, if any, between the current 2% levy and the proposed \$1.50 levy.

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 Ursula Everett on (02) 6243 1271.

Yours sincerely



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