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Dear Ms Bowles

**Victorian Potato Growers Council application for authorisation A91048 –
Final Determination**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a determination granting authorisation in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by the Victorian Potato Growers Council (VPGC) on 23 April 2007.

The VPGC sought authorisation in relation to an agreement between current and future members of the VPGC to collectively negotiate the terms and conditions of contracts between VPGC members (potato growers) and potato buyers, with or without the assistance of the VPGC. The VPGC has applied for authorisation for collective negotiations to take place with four specific potato buyers (Snackbrands Australia (Arnott's SnackFoods), McCain Foods, Smiths Snackfoods and Elders Limited) as well as other unidentified potato buyers in the future.

The VPGC has also applied for authorisation to allow it to participate in any dispute resolution mechanism for disputes between potato growers and buyers.

Application for review

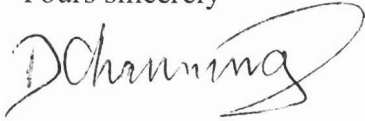
Pursuant to section 101 of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*, a person dissatisfied with this determination may apply to the Australian Competition Tribunal for its review. An application for review must be made within 21 days of the date of this determination; that is, on or before 18 July 2007. If no application to review is lodged by this date, the ACCC's determination will come into force on 19 July 2007.

A copy of the determination is available on the ACCC's website at [<www.accc.gov.au>](http://www.accc.gov.au).



This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter or would like a copy of the determination sent to you, please do not hesitate to contact Molly Choucair on 02 6243 1272.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "DChanning". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "D" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Darrell Channing
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