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To Whom it may concern,

The following documents pertain to an application for Authorization for collective bargaining, sought by the South East Potato Grower Association (SEPGA).

The aim of the SEPGA in seeking authorization to collective bargain is to be able to allow its members to negotiate with the relevant buyers of their produce as a collective group.

Included in the documents is a letter from ACCC regarding a fee waiver for this application.

If there are any problems or queries about the application or enclosed documents, please do not hesitate to contact me on the numbers listed below.

Yours Sincerely,



Laura Bowles.
On behalf of the SEPGA.

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Dear Mr Widdison

Fee waiver request

I refer to your letter of 28 June 2007 to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) in respect of a proposed application for authorisation. In your letter you have requested that the fee to be paid in relation to an application for authorisation to be lodged by the South East Potato Growers Association (the Association) be waived in whole.

In support of your request, you submitted the following information:

- the Association is a not-for-profit organisation
- the Association has a limited budget

Association members are not in a position to contribute to the cost of the application, noting the recent drought and difficult circumstances faced by growers across the state.

As a person authorised to assess fee waiver requests for and on behalf of the ACCC, I wish to advise that the application fee to be paid by the Association has been waived in whole. No application fee will apply with respect to the application for authorisation to be lodged by the Association.

This decision has been made on the basis of the Association's limited financial situation and the current difficulties faced by potato growers in contributing to an application fee. The decision will remain in force for a period of three months. The three month period will expire on 29 September 2007.

A copy of this letter should accompany the application for authorisation to be lodged by the Association. The cover letter to the application should mention that a letter from the ACCC regarding a fee waiver is enclosed with the application. The application together with this letter will be placed on the public register at that time.



If the application for authorisation is lodged by the Association after 29 September 2007 a full application fee of \$7500 will apply, unless a subsequent request for a fee waiver is made and ultimately approved by the ACCC.

Should you have any queries in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Cameron Martin on (02) 6243 1107.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Gregson', written over a light grey rectangular background.

Scott Gregson
General Manager
Adjudication Branch