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Mr Conall O'Connell
Secretary
Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
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Dear Mr O'Connell

Collective bargaining notifications CB00001 and CB00002 lodged by Queensland citrus growers on 31 July 2007 - interested party consultation

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has received two collective bargaining notifications (within the one form) from three Queensland citrus growers who propose to collectively negotiate the price and volume of their supply of citrus fruit to Woolworths Limited and IGA Distribution Limited.

The ACCC invites you to comment on the notifications. Enclosed is a summary of the collective bargaining notification process.

A copy of the notifications and supporting submission is enclosed. Other documents concerning the notifications will be made available on the ACCC's website <www.accc.gov.au>.

Request for submission

The ACCC invites you to make a submission on the likely public benefits and effect on competition, or any other public detriment, from the proposed collective bargaining arrangement. In making your submission, you may wish to focus on the types of benefits and detriments set out in the enclosure.

If you intend to provide a submission in relation to the collective bargaining notifications, please do so by **13 August 2007**.

If you wish to lodge a submission, please address your submission to:

The General Manager
Adjudication Branch
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
GPO Box 3131
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Submissions can also be lodged by email to adjudication@acc.gov.au or by facsimile on (02) 6243 1211.

Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Sharon Clancy on (02) 6243 1217 to organise a suitable time.

Submissions, including oral submissions, will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion (guidelines are attached).

Timetable

The ACCC will progress its assessment of the notifications in a timely manner. An indicative timetable is set out below for your information.

31 July 2007	Lodgement of notifications and supporting submission completed.
31 July 2007	Public consultation process begins.
13 August 2007	Closing date for submissions from interested parties
17 August 2007	Notifying parties respond to issues raised in the public consultation process.
On or before 27 August 2007	ACCC releases its assessment of the notifications
28 August 2007	Absent ACCC objection, protection afforded by collective bargaining notification comes into effect.

If possible please provide an email address for future correspondence. Please also advise if you do not wish to receive future correspondence about this matter.

You can also forward this letter to any other party who may wish to make a submission to the ACCC regarding the notifications.

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 Sharon Clancy on (02) 6243 1217.

Yours sincerely



Scott Gregson
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