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Dear Dr Chadwick

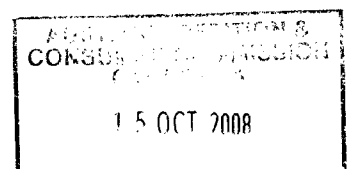
Authorisation Application lodged by Dairy Farmers Milk Co-operative Limited and Australian Co-operative Foods Limited

Thank you for your letter of 25 September 2008 concerning the draft determination and interim authorisation in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by Dairy Farmers Milk Co-operative Limited and Australian Co-operative Foods Limited.

The Queensland Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries (DPI&F) does not at this time wish to hold a pre-decision conference in relation to the draft determination.

As you would no doubt be aware, the Queensland DPI&F is committed to the development and accelerated growth of the primary industries sector in Queensland, in which the dairy industry plays a significant role. We therefore value the opportunity to provide qualified input to decisions that affect the sector and thank the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) for the opportunity.

In light of the positive public submissions received from National Foods, Fleurieu Dairy Farmers Collective Bargaining Group (Fleurieu) and the Queensland Dairy Organisation, the department has confidence that the proposed back to back purchasing and back to back pricing under the amended Milk Supply Agreement and the proposed Revised Farmer Supply Contracts would not be to the detriment of the Queensland dairy industry. The department will not be providing a written submission in this case.

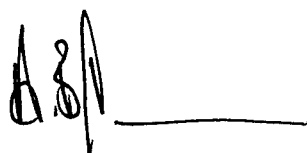


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If you require any further information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Michael Burke on telephone 07 3230 6012 or email michael.burke@dpi.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Bruce Turner

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