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Dear Mr Laucke

Collective Bargaining Notification lodged by the South Australian Farmers Federation on behalf of a group of South Australian chicken growers CB00070 - request for extra information

I refer to the above mentioned collective bargaining notification lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 27 February 2009.

As a part of its public consultation process the ACCC wrote to the target of the proposed collective bargaining, Inghams Enterprises Pty Ltd (Inghams). Inghams provided the ACCC with a submission regarding the notification on 9 March 2009. A copy of the submission is attached.

The ACCC invites the South Australian Farmers Federation (SAFF) to comment on the Inghams submission. In particular, the ACCC would appreciate responses to the following issues raised:

- paragraph g(i) in Attachment 2 of the notification's supporting submission notes that "representatives elected or appointed," will engage in negotiations with Inghams. What progress has been made in the election or appointment of negotiating representatives? Is it foreseeable that the SAFF will be appointed as the negotiator with Inghams on behalf of the notifying parties?

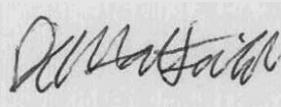
- Does the SAFF have any role in representing South Australian chicken growers in negotiations with other processors, such as Baiada Poultry Pty Ltd or Gourmet Poultry Pty Ltd?

In order to continue assessment of the notified conduct in a timely manner, the ACCC requests that this additional information be provided no later than **Wednesday 18 March 2009**.

As you are aware, you may request that information included in a submission relating to this notification be excluded from the public register. If a request to exclude information from the public register is made, please provide the ACCC with reasons justifying the claim for the information to be excluded.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register and website. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please contact Simon Mitchell on 03 9290 6909 or at simon.mitchell@acc.gov.au

Yours sincerely



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