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(by email: jcolman@ingham.com.au)

Dear Mr Hexton

**Collective Bargaining Notification lodged by the South Australian Farmers Federation
on behalf of a group of South Australian chicken growers CB00070**

I refer to the above collective bargaining notification lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 27 February 2009. The notification has been placed on the ACCC's public register.

On the information available, the ACCC does not object to the notification. A copy of a document setting out the ACCC's assessment of the notification is attached.

In respect to the issues raised in Inghams submission of 9 March 2009, I note the submission by the notifying parties of 18 March 2009. In particular, the notifying parties do not foresee that SAFF will be the negotiator on behalf of the collective bargaining group and SAFF does not currently represent other grower groups in negotiations with Baiada Poultry Pty Ltd and Gourmet Poultry Pty Ltd. A copy of the submission is available from the ACCC's public register.

Protection afforded by the notification commenced on 14 March 2009 and will cease three years from the date of lodgement (27 February 2012). As with any notification, the ACCC may review the notification at a later stage should concerns arise.

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 Simon Mitchell on (03) 9290 6909.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Hatfield', is placed over a light grey rectangular background.

David Hatfield
Director
Adjudication Branch