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Mr G. Jones
Director Adjudication Branch
Australian Competition & Consumer Commission
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Dear Sir

Re: Application to the ACCC for Authorisation (AA91262) by the Western Australian Broiler Growers Association Inc.

The Australian Chicken Growers Council Ltd (ACGC) represents the interests of contract chicken growers at a national level. The members of the ACGC are the six state organisations which in turn represent the interests of contract chicken growers in their respective states.

The Western Australian Broiler Growers Association Inc (WABGA) is a member of ACGC Ltd.

ACGC fully supports the application for authorisation made by the WABGA. The Council is of the view that the ability to collectively bargain is fundamental to maintaining some countervailing power in the process of negotiating contractual arrangements including the quantum of viable fees for the growing of chickens for a processor.

Collective bargaining through negotiating groups is far more efficient and significantly reduces transaction costs for both the growers and the processor rather than any one on one arrangements that would have to exist were no authorisation sanctioned either by legislation or ACCC.

While these comments are brief I would be more than happy to discuss this matter in more detail if required.

Yours sincerely



Gary Sansom
Executive Officer
ACGC Ltd