

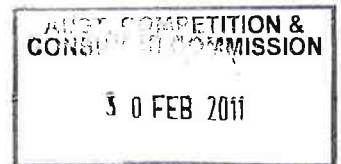
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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Western Australian Farmers Federation (Inc) (WAFarmers) thanks you for the opportunity to make a submission to the **Australian Dairy Farmers Ltd Application for revocation of authorisation A90966 and substation of new authorisation A91263 – interested party consultation.**

The Western Australian Farmers Federation (Inc) (WAFarmers) is the State's largest and most influential rural lobby and service organization, representing approximately 4,000 Western Australian farmers.

Over the time that Australian Dairy Farmers has been authorized to undertake collective bargaining for dairy farmers, they have been staunch advocates of the dairy industry and helped many farmers to reach more favourable agreements with processors.

Since deregulation Western Australian dairy farmers have struggled through droughts, a processor collapse and now predatory pricing tactics on the part of major Australian retailers. As a result, the dairy industry in Western Australia has lost significant numbers of farming families and appreciates the efforts by Australian Dairy Farmers to collectively bargain for better conditions on their behalf.

The Western Australian Farmers Federation supports the application by Australian Dairy Farmers to continue to collectively bargain about the terms and conditions of supply contracts between dairy farmers and dairy processors.

Finally, WAFarmers thanks you for consideration of this submission. Should you wish to discuss this matter please do not hesitate to contact me or WAFarmers Director of Policy, Alan Hill on 9486 2100.

Yours sincerely

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**Dairy Section President**  
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