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Dear Sir/Madam

**Queensland Chicken Growers Association application for authorisation A91347
- interested party consultation**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has received an application for authorisation from the Queensland Chicken Growers Association Incorporated (**QCGA**). The ACCC invites you to comment on the application. Attached is a summary of the authorisation process including how to make a submission to the ACCC.

The QCGA is seeking authorisation to collectively negotiate supply contract terms and conditions, including growing fees, with Inghams Enterprises Pty Ltd, Baiada Poultry Pty Ltd and Golden Cockerel (the Targets) on behalf of its current and future members who provide chicken growing services to the Targets.

A full copy of the application for authorisation is available on the ACCC's website www.accc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister. Alternatively, you can contact Megan Cunningham on (03) 9290 1856 to obtain a hard copy of the application and submission.

Request for submissions

The ACCC invites you to make a submission on the likely public benefits and effect on competition, or any other public detriment, from the proposed arrangements.

If you intend to provide a submission in relation to the QCGA's application for authorisation, please do so by **16 November 2012**.

Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Megan Cunningham on (03) 9290 1856 to organise a suitable time.

Submissions, including oral submissions, will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion (guidelines are attached).

Timetable

The ACCC will progress its assessment of the application in a timely manner. An indicative timetable is set out below for your information.

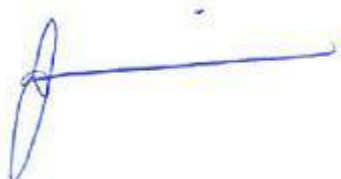
- 5 November 2012 - Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
- 9 November 2012 - Public consultation process begins.
- 16 November 2012 - Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
- 19 November 2012 - Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
- late November /
early December 2012 - Draft determination.
- January 2013 - Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
- February 2012 - Final determination.

Please advise if you do not wish to make a submission at this time, but would like to be informed of the progress of the application at the draft and final determination stages. If you are able to, please provide a nominated contact email address for future correspondence.

You can also forward this letter to any other party who may wish to make a submission to the ACCC regarding the application.

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 Megan Cunningham on (03) 9290 1856.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large loop followed by a horizontal line.

Imogen Hartcher-O'Brien
Director
Adjudication Branch

List of Interested Parties

Australian Chicken Meat Federation

Consumer Action Law Centre

Baiada Poultry Pty Ltd

Golden Cockerel

Inghams Enterprises Pty Ltd