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Ms Jodi Redcliffe President Queensland Chicken Growers Association

By email: sanfield2@bigpond.com; gary@qff.org.au

Dear Ms Redcliffe

Queensland Chicken Growers Association application for authorisation A91347 - draft determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation from the Queensland Chicken Growers Association Incorporated (**QCGA**).

Draft determination

A copy of the ACCC's draft determination is attached, including a summary of its reasons. Also attached is a summary of the authorisation process. For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation for 10 years.

Next steps

Once the ACCC issues a draft determination, the Applicant or any interested party may make a written submission and/or request that the ACCC convene a 'pre-decision conference'.

If you wish to make a submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination, please lodge your submission by **17 December 2012**.

A pre-decision conference provides the opportunity for interested parties to make oral submissions in relation to the draft determination. Conferences are conducted informally and while legal or professional advisers are able to attend they are not entitled to participate in the discussion.

If you wish the ACCC to hold a pre-decision conference in relation to the draft determination you must notify the ACCC in writing by **17 December 2012**.

The ACCC will consider any submissions it receives, including any oral submissions made should a pre-decision conference be called, and will then release a final determination in

relation to this application. 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 a	pplication and	supporting submission.
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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.

28 November 2012 Draft determination.

December/

January 2013 Public consultation on draft determination including any

conference if called.

February 2012 Final determination.

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

Imogen Hartcher-O'Brien

Director

Adjudication Branch