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Dear Ms Edghill

**Notifications CB281-282 lodged by Manning Valley dairy farmers –  
Consultation process**

I refer to the above collective bargaining notifications lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 25 March 2013

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that a copy of the notifications have been placed on the ACCC's public register and to provide you with details of the ACCC's public consultation process.

*Interested party consultations*

As part of the ACCC's statutory assessment process, public consultation with interested parties commenced today. As part of this process the ACCC has sought the views of Woolworths and Milk2Market, along with a range of potentially interested parties. The ACCC has requested that parties wishing to provide submissions do so by 5 April 2013

For your information I have enclosed a copy of the ACCC's letter inviting submissions and the list of organisations to which this letter was sent.

The ACCC will arrange for you to receive a copy as soon as possible of all publicly available submissions received for your comment. These submissions will also be available from the ACCC's website.

The ACCC is proposing to have completed its preliminary assessment of the notifications by no later than 22 April 2013. Accordingly, any comments you wish to provide in response to the submissions of interested parties should be provided by 10 April 2013.

*The ACCC's assessment process*

As you are aware the statutory protection provided by collective bargaining notifications commences 14 days after lodgement. In the case of the notifications you have lodged, statutory protection will commence on 8 April unless the ACCC issues a draft objection notice.

*Further information*

Should you have any queries in relation to this matter, or the ACCC's consultation process, please do not hesitate to contact Gina D'Etterre on 03 9290 1483 or myself on 02 6243 1266.

Yours sincerely



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