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Mr Ray Lee  
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Poultry Meat Manager

**By email:** [leer@nswfarmers.org.au](mailto:leer@nswfarmers.org.au)

Dear Mr Lee

### **NSW Farmers' Association application for authorisation A91417 - draft determination**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by the NSW Farmers' Association on behalf of their Contract Poultry Group members on 7 April 2014.

#### **Draft determination**

A copy of the ACCC's draft determination and summary of its reasons is attached.

For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation for ten 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 **Thursday, 12 June 2014**. "Submissions should be emailed to [adjudication@acc.gov.au](mailto:adjudication@acc.gov.au) with the subject "A91417 – NSW Farmers' Association – submission".

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 **Thursday, 12 June 2014**.

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 these applications.

Submissions will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion. Please see the ACCC's publication [Guidelines for excluding information from the public register](#).

### **Timetable**

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

<b>7 April 2014</b>	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
<b>10 April 2014</b>	Public consultation process begins.
<b>28 April 2014</b>	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
<b>14 May 2014</b>	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
<b>29 May 2014</b>	Draft determination.
<b>May/June 2014</b>	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
<b>July 2014</b>	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 Gina D'Ettorre on 03 9290 1483 or [adjudication@acc.gov.au](mailto:adjudication@acc.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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