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Dear Sir/Madam

Proposed amendments to South Australian Inghams chicken growers' - Authorisation A91294

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has received an application to vary authorisation A91294 previously granted to South Australian Inghams chicken growers. The ACCC would like to invite you to comment on the application. Attached is a summary of the authorisation process including how to make a submission to the ACCC.

Authorisation A91294 was originally granted by the ACCC on 14 June 2012 (to expire on 30 June 2022). The authorisation relates to collective bargaining with Inghams Enterprises Pty Ltd. The application for minor variation was lodged by Ingham Chicken Growers Association Inc on behalf of a number chicken growers who are members of the previously authorised collective bargaining group.

Proposed minor variation to A91294

The South Australian chicken growers contracted to Inghams have applied for a variation to the authorisation so that future participants in the bargaining group would no longer have to be members of the South Australian Farmers Federation (SAFF) in order to be eligible to join the group. The Applicants state that they are proposing this change because the SAFF has ceased operating. The Applicants submit that the effect of the change will be that the scope of future growers able to join the bargaining group will remain as originally intended when authorisation was granted.

For further information on by the South Australian Inghams chicken growers' application for minor variation, please see the [ACCC's website](#).

Request for submissions

The ACCC invites you to make a submission on the likely public benefits and the likely effect on competition, or any other public detriment, from the proposed variation. If you intend to provide a submission, please do so by **7 July 2015**. Submissions should be emailed to adjudication@acc.gov.au with the subject "A91294– South Australian Inghams chicken growers – submission". Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Tanya Hobbs on 02 6243 1029 to organise a suitable time. You can also forward this letter to any other party who may wish to make a submission to the ACCC regarding this application for minor variation.

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

Timetable

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

Indicative date	Stage in assessment process
3 June 2015	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
16 June 2015	Public consultation process begins.
7 July 2015	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
21 July 2015	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process (if any).
August/September 2015	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 Tanya Hobbs on 02 6243 1029 or adjudication@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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Adjudication

Interested parties list

Australian Chicken Growers Council

Inghams Enterprises Pty Ltd