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## By email

Dear Sir or Madam

### Queensland Cane Growers Organisation Ltd (Canegrowers) application for authorisation A91558 —Pre-Decision Conference

MSF Sugar has requested that the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) convene a conference in relation to the draft determination issued by the ACCC on 15 December 2016 proposing to grant authorisation to the application for authorisation lodged by Canegrowers.

Canegrowers has sought authorisation for proposed collective bargaining of cane supply and related agreements between growers, millers and sugar marketers.

On 15 December 2016 the ACCC proposed to grant authorisation to the proposed collective bargaining arrangements for ten years. The ACCC concluded that the likely public benefit from the proposed arrangements would outweigh the likely public detriment. A copy of the application and draft determination can be found on the ACCC's website (see [Authorisations public register](#) link).

A pre-decision conference provides an opportunity for applicants and interested parties to make oral submissions to the ACCC about its draft determination.

The ACCC will hold the conference on **10 February 2017** at the ACCC's Brisbane office (Level 24, 400 George Street), commencing at 1pm (Brisbane time). A video link to the ACCC's office in Townsville may be able to be arranged on request. Commissioner Roger Featherston will chair the conference.

Under the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (the Act) the applicant and other interested parties may attend the conference. If you wish to attend, you must notify the ACCC of your intention in writing by **COB Wednesday, 1 February 2017** and briefly indicate why you or your company or organisation has an interest in the matter. To do so please email [adjudication@acc.gov.au](mailto:adjudication@acc.gov.au).

Please provide details of a contact name, telephone number and e-mail address so that you can be notified of any late changes to conference arrangements.

If you represent a company or organisation please also provide a list of attendees and their position titles, and indicate who will be the chief spokesperson.

Please note that while conference participants may bring outside legal or other professional advisers to assist them, they are not entitled under the Act to participate in conference discussions.

Attached for your information are procedures usually followed at pre-decision conferences.

A copy of this letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you require any further information in regard to the conference or wish to clarify whether you may be considered an 'interested person' within the terms of the Act, please do not hesitate to contact David Hatfield on (02) 6243 1266 or Jaime Martin on (03) 9290 1477.

Yours sincerely



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