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To Whom It May Concern,

Australian Dairy Farmers (ADF) appreciates the opportunity to provide a submission in response to the final report of the independent Competition Policy Review Panel (the Panel).

ADF appreciates the consultation and hard work that has been undertaken by the Panel and once again commends the Government for undertaking this comprehensive and necessary Review.

Rather than addressing all questions raised in the final report of the Panel, ADF will concentrate on two issues and refers the Panel to ADF's three prior submissions to the review process for further information on other matters.

It is also worthwhile reiterating once again that ADF also has been heavily involved in working with the National Farmers' Federation (NFF) on their submissions and strongly endorses their submissions.

The two key matters that ADF wishes to raise in this final submission are:

1. Recommendation 30 – Misuse of market power

ADF is seeking clarity on the meaning of the word 'substantially' in the context of the above recommendation, in particular with regard to "substantially lessening competition in that or any other market."

2. ADF again reiterates the importance of a dedicated Ombudsman to oversee the Grocery Code and balance the market power of the major retailers.

If you wish to discuss this submission or require further information on this matter please do not hesitate to contact, ADF Senior Policy Manager, David Losberg on (03) 8621 4200.

Yours sincerely,



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