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House of Representatives Standing Committee on
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Dear Mr Adams

Competition and Consumer Amendment (Horticulture Code of Conduct) Bill 2011 and Constitutional Corporations (Farm Gate to Plate) Bill 2011

Thank you for your letter inviting the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) to make a written submission to the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Resources, Fisheries and Forestry regarding the inquiry into the *Competition and Consumer Amendment (Horticulture Code of Conduct) Bill 2011* and the *Constitutional Corporations (Farm Gate to Plate) Bill 2011*.

The ACCC does not propose to make a formal submission to this inquiry.

However, should any submissions or evidence submitted during the course of public hearings raise any issues that the Committee considers relates to the ACCC's enforcement of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*, then we would be more than happy to assist the Committee in its deliberations and respond to any questions in writing the Committee may have.

I note that on 15 November 2011 ACCC representatives appeared before the Senate Economics Legislation Committee's inquiry into the *Constitutional Corporations (Farm Gate to Plate) Bill 2011*. The transcript of the hearing is enclosed and may assist your deliberations.

Yours sincerely

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