

SUBMISSION NO. 7

Horticultural Code and Farm Gate to Plate



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House of Representatives Standing Committee on
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Dear Sir,

RE: HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE INQUIRY INTO:

- **THE COMPETITION AND CONSUMER AMENDMENT (HORTICULTURE CODE OF CONDUCT) BILL 2011 (“HORTICULTURE BILL”); AND**
- **CONSTITUTIONAL CORPORATIONS (FARM GATE TO PLATE BILL) 2011 (“FARM GATE BILL”)**

I write to you in regard to the above Bills, on behalf of the Central Markets Association of Australia (“CMAA”).

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the CMAA and its businesses.

The CMAA is a peak body representing all six Central Markets in Australia.

Central markets play a significant role in Australia’s horticultural supply chain. The markets are a central hub for marketing and distribution of fruit and vegetables, with over 4 million tonnes of fresh fruit and vegetables collectively passing through the market system each year.

The CMAA meets regularly to exchange views and information and to provide collective representation for all central markets in Australia. The CMAA met this month and there was general consensus that the Farm Gate Bill and the Horticulture Bill will both have significant adverse impacts on each market’s operations, its stakeholders and on generally maintaining a competitive environment.

It is our understanding that despite the significant impacts to our industry, and specific requirements relating to market operators, none of the central markets were consulted on the drafting on the Bill.

For this reason, I write to inform you that the CMAA objects to the Bills in their entirety.



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In our view, the Bills in their current form indicate a lack of understanding of the horticultural industry they seek to regulate.

Should you wish to discuss the matters raised in this letter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

Stephen Ward, CEO
Secretariat
CMAA

14 December 2011

