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Senator Chris Ketter  
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Dear Senator, **Enquiry into the Australian Dairy Industry**

I attach a submission for consideration by the Committee in its enquiry into the Australian dairy interest.

The enquiry is of interest to me because I have been involved for 46 years in the Australian Dairy Industry in both the commercial and industry policy areas. My commercial involvement was through my company, Lavery International Pty Ltd, an exporter of dairy products, concentrating on products with special functionality or composition to suit the requirements of individual customers or the import regimes of various countries. The company was sold to Murray Goulburn Co-operative Company Ltd. in 2005. Since then I have held a number of directorships and advisory roles in or for dairy companies.

During my time in the industry, from 1972 onwards I was also closely involved in industry policy and affairs, particularly as they related to deregulation and international trade. This included:

- As a Councillor on the Australian Dairy Industry Council from 1977 to 2005.
- Chair of the ADIC Trade Group from 1987 to 2003.
- Two terms on the board of the Victorian Dairy Industry Authority (1977-79 and 1985-91).
- Australian representative on the Global Dairy Alliance (2002-2006). The GDA represented the dairy industries of Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, New Zealand and Uruguay in international trade negotiations such as with the WTO.
- As an advisor to the Australian government and ministers at various international negotiations and ministerial conferences.

I would be pleased to respond to any questions regarding my submission and would be welcome the opportunity to participate in the hearings and, in that regard, shall await your further advice.

Yours sincerely,

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