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Dear Sir/Madam,

Further to my letter of 4 August 2014, regarding the Free Trade Agreement between Australia and Japan, I wish to confirm that Apple & Pear Australia Limited (APAL) supports the removal of the tariff on apples from 17.5 per cent to zero over 10 years and the removal of the tariff on pears from 4.8 per cent to zero over five years.

As indicated in my earlier letter, it is important that the two Governments and industries work together to achieve access for Australian apples and pears into Japan. Currently only Tasmanian apples are allowed to be exported to Japan as mainland growers (representing over 90 per cent of total production) are excluded.

Yours sincerely

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