



15 November 2011

Committee Secretary
House of Representatives Standing Committee on
Agriculture, Resources, Fisheries and Forestry
PO Box 6021
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Sir,

COMPETITION AND CONSUMER AMENDMENT (HORTICULTURE CODE OF CONDUCT) BILL 2011 ("HORTICULTURE BILL")

CONSTITUTIONAL CORPORATIONS (FARM GATE TO PLATE BILL) 2011 ("FARM GATE BILL")

I write to you on behalf of Sydney Markets Limited ("SML").

Before arriving at matters arising from the Bills, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to SML and its businesses.

SML is a public unlisted company which owns and operates Australia's largest wholesale and retail markets. SML is recognised as a world leader in fresh produce and community market management. SML achieves operational excellence, innovation and business development and environmental sustainability through strong leadership, management and teamwork.

SML is focused on maintaining a competitive market environment. To this end, SML is particularly interested in the development of the Horticulture Bill and Farm Gate Bill and the effect they will have on SML's stakeholders and the markets in which they participate.

The purpose of my letter is to advise the Committee that SML was not consulted when the Bills were drafted.

For this reason SML objects to the Bills in their entirety. As we understand it, this is also the position of other wholesale markets in Australia who also were not consulted with respect to the drafting of the Bills.

The Bills in their current form clearly 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,

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