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Dairy Quota Review Secretariat
Food and Agriculture Division
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Dear Sir or Madam,

Australian Dairy Farmers would like to convey to the review panel a short list of principles you may like to consider when completing the review.

- There are different allocations of quota, some of which have been in place for 30 years. Their value must be maximised for the benefit of the Australian economy, the broader community, but also importantly the dairy farmers of Australia who have invested over time in the development of this access to markets.
- During these thirty years the dairy industry has changed markedly so that it is now totally different in structure with very different channels to market. The review should take account of these changes.
- Dairy farmers want the quota's value maximised and therefore believe there needs to be a balance in the ability of everyone to have an opportunity and the need for commercial shipments, which are necessary if trade is to take place.
- Critical to dairy farmers is that the administration cost of securing trade through these quotas is efficient and the costs are minimised and reflect fairness and equity.

Yours faithfully,



Allan Burgess
President