

**INQUIRY INTO SUSTAINABILITY OF THE DAIRY
INDUSTRY IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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The Director
Portfolio Committee No 5
Parliament House
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By email: portfoliocommittee5@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Dear Sir / Madam,

Thank you for the invitation per the Hon Robert Brown MLC's email of 19 October 2018 to make a submission to Portfolio Committee No. 5's Inquiry into the sustainability of the dairy industry in New South Wales (NSW).

The sustainability of the NSW dairy industry - and the dairy sector more broadly across Australia - is of course a topic of keen interest and importance to Woolworths. It serves a critical role in meeting the daily staple needs of our customers.

Woolworths believes that the recent and comprehensive analysis undertaken by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) of the performance of the Australian dairy industry and the structural and behavioural features which contribute to this performance is directly pertinent to the Terms of Reference established for this Inquiry. This work included an in-depth examination of the effects of retail pricing along the dairy supply chain.

Woolworths strongly commends the ACCC's final Dairy report to the Committee as part of its deliberative process. It provides not only a valuable set of recommendations for policy makers, but also an evidence-based platform to promote greater awareness amongst all stakeholders interested in the future sustainability of the Australian dairy industry.

Yours sincerely,

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