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Sent by Email

Dear Marianna

The Sheepmeat of Australia Council (SCA) and Cattle Council of Australia (CCA) would like to thank the Productivity Commission for the opportunity to outline our concerns with the current regulatory system and offer recommendations to enhance the efficiency of the system.

When the Productivity Commission's inquiry into Regulation of Agriculture was announced, the SCA and the CCA commissioned a research project to gain an up to date understanding of the regulatory burden upon our respective sectors. The research has just been finalised and we submit it to the Commission for consideration.

The Regulatory costs in the red meat and livestock industries report (the Report), provides a current examination of the regulatory costs within the sheep and cattle industries. The Report examines the regulatory burden across the whole red meat value chain. This holistic view is essential as the red meat industry is so interrelated and the regulatory burdens create flow on impacts throughout the whole supply chain.

The Report is being provided in its entirety to enable the Commission to consider the findings in time for the release of their draft report. The SCA and the CCA will be providing further submissions in response to the release of Commission's draft report and this research report will form the basis of these later submissions.

If you have any questions or would like further details, please do not hesitate to contact Cattle Council of Australia CEO Jed Matz or Sheepmeat Council of Australia CEO Mark Harvey-Sutton

Yours sincerely,

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