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Dear Mr Banks

In its submission dated 29 February 2008, Australian Pork Limited (APL) included the results of certain econometric modelling exercises.

In order to enable the robustness of the analysis to be tested, it is appropriate that APL be requested to provide the Commission with the data used for purposes of that econometric analysis. We request that such data be placed on the Commission's website for the benefit of interested parties prior to the proposed modelling conference on 17 March 2008.

Yours faithfully
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[signed]

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Dear Mr Sandford

I am replying on behalf of Gary Banks to your letter dated 7 March 2008.

Our understanding is that the only data series used by APL that is not available from our website is monthly retail price data, which APL purchased. We have made *quarterly* retail price data available and have used this in our own modelling. The Commission is not in a position to compel APL to provide the data series and, at any rate, our assessment is that its impact on their results has been negligible.

If you do not have any objection, we propose to place your correspondence and this response on our website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Gropp', with a horizontal line underneath.

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