

4 April 2007

Commerce Select Committee
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Dear Select Committee Member

**STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISES (AGRIQUALITY LIMITED AND ASURE NEW ZEALAND LIMITED)
AMENDMENT BILL**

The Meat Industry Association ('MIA') is aware that you have been asked to consider the above Bill, and report back to Parliament by 30 April 2007.


The MIA is greatly concerned with this Bill, and asks that you recommend that it not proceed. Given the degree of urgency with which the Bill is being progressed, the MIA feels we have no option but to contact you directly to ensure our concerns are heard.

We attach a copy of a letter we have written to the Minister for State-owned Enterprises, Hon Trevor Mallard, asking that he withdraw the Bill. This letter, together with the two enclosed papers to which it refers, set out the basis of the MIA's opposition to the Bill.

We hope you will give these views appropriate consideration, and repeat our call for the Committee to recommend that the Bill does not proceed.

As I will be on leave during the school holidays, if you would like to discuss the above or the two enclosed papers further, please do contact our Chairman, Bill Falconer (021 939 520) or Dave Harrison (dave.harrison@mia.co.nz or DDI: 04 495 8371) who will be acting Chief Executive in my absence.

Yours sincerely



Caryl Shailer
Chief Executive

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