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## **The Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement**

Australian Pork Limited (APL) welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission to the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties (JSCOT) regarding the Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement (KAFTA).

APL is the national representative body for Australian pig producers. It is a producer-owned, not-for-profit company combining marketing, export development, research & innovation and policy development to assist in securing a profitable and sustainable future for the Australian pork industry.

As an industry that firmly supports the principles of free trade and which indeed competes very successfully on domestic and international markets without the benefit of producer subsidies or tariff barriers, APL is firmly supportive of KAFTA.

KAFTA will deliver improved terms of trade for Australia's pork producers through the phased elimination of tariffs on all fresh pork lines. APL looks forward to the further elimination of tariffs on those additional frozen lines through future trade agreements.

In order to secure maximum commercial value from KAFTA, it is important to ensure an early entry into force and implementation of the agreement, to minimise the differential in tariff reductions already enjoyed by our competitors, such as the United States.

APL encourages the Committee to recommend to parliament the early adoption of KAFTA.

Yours faithfully,

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