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Committee Secretary Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee PO Box 6100 Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

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Dear Sir

Inquiry into the Customs Amendment (Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014 and the Customs Tariff Amendment (Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation) Bill 2014

CANEGROWERS strongly supports the Korea-Australia FTA (KAFTA) outcome and its expeditious implementation.

South Korea is the largest export market for Australia's raw sugar, with sales exceeding one million tonnes annually, valued at some \$500 million.

Once in force, the AKFTA will eliminate the tariff imposed by Korea on its imports of Australian raw sugar. The improved terms of trade flowing from the FTA will make Korea an even more attractive market for Australian raw sugar.

CANEGROWERS participated in the Parliament's JSCOT process and endorses its report and recommendation that KAFTA be implemented.

CANEGROWERS encourages the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee to do all it can to secure the passage through Parliament of the necessary implementing legislation at the earliest opportunity.

Yours faithfully

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