



SUBMISSION
Dairy Australia Limited

Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit
public hearing into

ANAO Audit Report No. 36, 2003-2004, *The Commonwealth's Administration of the Dairy Industry Adjustment Package*

Dairy Australia Limited (DA) acknowledges the Committee's statutory responsibility to examine reports of the Auditor General and in particular this public hearing to examine Audit Report No. 36, 2003-2004, *The Commonwealth's Administration of the Dairy Industry Adjustment Package*.

DA notes that we co-operated and participated fully in the ANAO review providing full and free access to premises, staff, information and assets in relation to the management of the Dairy Structural Adjustment Fund (DSAF). DA has continued to work collaboratively with related agencies on many DSAF-related matters, including the recommendations from the ANAO review.

In general terms, DA notes many positive comments from the ANAO review in areas where DA has responsibilities.

In relation to the three ANAO recommendations, DA initially ensured it understood the recommendations through discussions with the ANAO and since the release of the Audit Report in March 2004 DA has consulted with the Dairy Adjustment Authority (DAA) and more particularly Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) in order to contribute to the successful understanding and implementation of measures consistent with the objectives of the ANAO recommendations.

DA and DAFF have had several discussions relating to changes to the Statutory Funding Agreement in order to report on performance measures from all agencies able to draw administrative moneys from the Fund.

DA believes the relationship and communication between the organisations invited to attend the hearing (i.e. DA, DAA & DAFF) and others involved (e.g. DOTARS, Centrelink, Computershare) are positive and strong. The ANAO's analysis and review has contributed positively to the continuing delivery of the package.

Dairy Australia Limited
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