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Guy Barnett MP

Minister for Primary Industries

By email to:

GMOMoratoriumReview@dpiw.tas.gov.au

RE: Response to the Review of Tasmania's GMO Moratorium

Dear Minister,

Fonterra Australia appreciates the opportunity to provide a response to this Review.

Fonterra is the largest milk processor in Tasmania and second largest in Australia. Fonterra owns and operates manufacturing sites at Wynyard and Spreyton which directly employ over 240 Tasmanians.

Our dairy brands include Duck River, Western Star, Perfect Italiano and we provide dairy ingredients under the NZMP brand for many Australian and international customers.

Fonterra Australia supports the continuation on the GMO Moratorium in Tasmania.

Our position is largely informed by market factors. We remain concerned about consumer preference against foods made from GMOs and would like to see some conclusive consumer insights before any reduction in controls on the use of GMOs in Tasmania.

Fonterra has recently developed a segregated milk pool in New Zealand for products that are certified under the "Non GMO Project"¹. These products already achieve greater market share and/or a price premium in some international markets. Tasmania remains a potential location for additional "Non GMO" sourcing and Fonterra asks that this commercial opportunity remains protected.

I trust you will give due consideration to our position on this matter and of course we remain available for further discussions at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,



Jack Holden

Sustainability Manager, Fonterra Australia

¹ [Link to the NZMP "Non GMO Project" products list](#)