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Agricultural Competitiveness Taskforce.
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

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Dear Sir,

Re; Additional SADA Submission to the Agriculture Competitiveness White Paper.

SADA CEO, Ken Lyons, met with the Taskforce in Adelaide on 7 April with members of the PPSA representing rural commodities in SA. At that meeting feedback was provided under the umbrella of PPSA.

Subsequently, a group of dairy farmers met in Mt Gambier and wished to have these additional issues raised with the Taskforce.

- **The Federal government should address the issue of GM. Consider pushing for a common policy across Australia that allows farmers to have a choice on GM products.**
- **The Government should look at lowering power prices. Power prices are very heavily regulated and controlled. The question is as to whether this is leading to higher power prices in some States?**
- **The Government and ACCC should look closely at the provisions of the proposed Mandatory/Voluntary Codes of Practice in relation to the Supermarkets.**
- **Tariffs and other government charges should be reviewed, with a view of removing them, on agricultural machinery.**
- **Consider removing all taxes on diesel for farmers.**
- **Consider ways of increasing support for younger Australians entering farming.**
- **Review all methods of protecting high value farm land from urban sprawl.**

Yours faithfully,



Ken Lyons, CEO, SADA.