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Sent: Wednesday, 18 February 2015 4:13 PM
To: Clancy, Sharon; Heys, Nick
Cc: Phillips, Davin
Subject: FW: Halal certification may be reduced by 75% [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi Sharon and Nick

The competition issue flagged by Andrew Laming MP relates to the October 2013 News article linked below.

Would appreciate your preliminary views.

Kind regards
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Gents,

Thanks for considering a couple of points about Halal.

1 I support the position that halal certification is a private matter and I seek no changes to that process. I also understand that payments to religious organisations for international market access is unavoidable.

For our domestic market however, I seek a **separation** of ingredient certification and religious certification. This would allow a 'halal ingredient' claim to be made without cost, under *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code*, a legislative instrument under the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*.

'All ingredients are halal' claims are no different to 'made in' or 'product of.' Food manufacturers should have the option of a simple ingredient claim under the above Code. Additional religious certification is a private matter.

2 Are there possible breaches of the Competition and Consumer Act by halal providers <http://www.news.com.au/national/aussie-firms-paying-inflated-price-to-have-halal-certification/story-fncynjr2-1226743120181> Would any of the conduct in this article been of interest to the ACCC?

