

# SADA UPDATE

Thursday 1 March 2018

## Have we got something to say?

Over the past week, the South Australian Dairyfarmers' Association has been invited to make submissions to a number of enquiries as outlined below. We are currently in the process of posting information on our website. We would appreciate any comments you may have. Email and phone numbers are at the bottom of the page.

### **ACCC – Dairy Inquiry**

SADA President John Hunt has been invited to meet with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) next week to discuss our submission following the release of the interim report. That submission is on our website.

### **ACCC – Murray Goulburn sale to Saputo**

The ACCC has released a Statement of Issues on the proposed acquisition of Murray Goulburn Co-operative Co.'s operating assets by Saputo Dairy Australia. The ACCC's preliminary view is that Saputo's ownership of both its current Allansford plant and Murray Goulburn's Koroit plant will substantially lessen competition for the acquisition of raw milk from dairy farmers in the south-west Victorian/south-east South Australia region. The ACCC media release is under Latest News on our website.

### **Murray Darling Basin Royal Commission**

The Murray-Darling Basin Royal Commission was established on 23 January 2018. Its purpose is to investigate the operations and effectiveness of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan, including whether the plan is being complied with. As you may be aware, SADA has questioned the ability of a state based Royal Commission to reach a meaningful conclusion. Having said that, the Commission has invited the South Australian Dairyfarmers' Association Inc. to provide a submission in relation to the Terms of Reference which are available on the Commission's website at [www.mdbrc.sa.gov.au](http://www.mdbrc.sa.gov.au).

We would welcome any comment you might have on any of these matters