MEMBER BRIEF

ACCC MAINTAIN PRESSURE ON FGCC SIGNATORIES

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) has today reminded food, beverage and grocery suppliers of their rights under the Food and Grocery Code of Conduct (FGCC).

The attached media brief outlines:

- The role of the grocery supply agreements (GSA's) and the protections under the FGCC for those organisations that have no yet negotiated a GSA;
- Importance of training and education;
- Current issues being raised by suppliers through the AFGC; and
- The role of the ACCC in promoting compliance, it's powers to obtain information and it's enforcement capabilities.

The ACCC will continue to monitor compliance with the FGCC and encourages suppliers who have concerns about their dealings with the supermarkets to raise them with the ACCC. This can be done in confidence.

Next steps

Members are encouraged to read through the attached media release from the ACCC.

Members are also reminded of the FGCC support material available in the members section of the website; the AFGC NextGen training program scheduled for September; and the AFGC assessment line. For general enquiries pertaining to the Code you can contact <u>Samantha Blake</u> or <u>Chris Preston</u>.

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