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Dear Sir/Madam

This submission is in regard to the Albion Park Rail Bypass project. It has come to the attention of our business that this project seriously impacts one of our valued milk suppliers adjacent to the project.

C & P Tate Pty Ltd are located on the Illawarra Highway at Albion Park. In the past 12 months they have supplied 5 million litres of milk to us. They have reliably informed us that they are in the middle of a growth phase in their business. This means they have bought more dairy cows to increase production. Those dairy cows are now in calf and require all due care to maintain their health and animal welfare. The Tate family farm pride themselves on the care of those dairy cattle on their property.

Parmalat understands that the Albion Park Rail Bypass project will remove some the most productive pasture paddocks and significantly reduce amount of pasture that can be produced on the Tate dairy property. Homegrown feed in the form of pasture grazed, hay and silage is the most economical feed that can be used in a dairy system. Removing any part of the land that supplies and grows feed in their system will directly affect the livelihood and sustainability of this milk supplier.

As a significant milk processor in NSW, Parmalat anticipates an increase in supply from this supplier in coming years. Parmalat has made significant investment in processing and dairy manufacturing capability at our Lidcombe based factory in Sydney.

The close proximity to Sydney of the Tate dairy makes them very important to the that factories manufacturing efficiency and milk quality. The low distance (km) to our factory reduces transport costs to our business and saves the milk supplier in milk freight. The quality of their milk is excellent and we have never had any issues with their supply.

Parmalat find this situation highly concerning and want those concerns to be heard. This project will not only affect the livelihood of the Tate families but also impact on Parmalat's business in Sydney.

I personally have been informed that an alternate design could have a lesser impact on the Tate dairy pasture land and therefore their sustainability. C & P Tate Pty Ltd have told me they are most willing to work collaboratively with the Department to design the Albion Park Rail Bypass project.

May I strongly appeal to your collective better judgement to work with Tate's to minimise the impact on the dairy operations.

Yours sincerely,

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