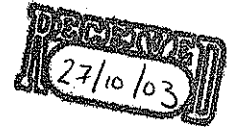




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Dear Ms Murray

Letter on the Parliamentary Inquiry into injuries and fatalities on Victorian Farms

Thank you for your letter on the parliamentary inquiry inviting comments from Australian Pork Limited (APL).

APL recognizes the importance of improving safety for farmers and their families and has a number of national initiatives in this area including OH&S workshops and the production of a CD that comprehensively addresses the OH&S Acts in the various states. I have included a copy of the Victorian CD for your information.

In relation to this enquiry, APL believes that the Victorian Farmers Federation, (VFF) are best placed to respond. APL will endeavour to assist VFF on any issues that directly relate to the Australian pig industry.

Yours sincerely

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