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Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry  
Senator for Queensland

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Ms Pennie Scott  
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Dear Ms Scott and cosignatories

Thank you for your letter of 10 August 2010 to the Hon. Tony Burke MP, the then Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, about the Australian Government's National Food Plan. As you would be aware, the Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon. Julia Gillard MP, appointed me as portfolio minister when she announced her ministry on 11 September 2010. I regret the delay in responding.

The government will ensure that a wide range of views are considered when developing the plan, particularly from stakeholders with a strong interest in the central issues. In fact, the government will provide those stakeholders with a number of opportunities to contribute to the plan's development.

My department has noted your organisation's interest in the plan and will notify you of future consultation opportunities.

Thank you again for raising this matter with the government.

Yours sincerely



Joe Ludwig

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