From: Sent: To: Subject: Beverley Moore < Friday, 26 July 2024 10:00 pm Registrar Foodstuffs merger submission.

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Hello

I am a staff member with Foodstuffs North Island. I work within the Customer Service centre, specifically caring for the customers and stores in the Gilmours' group of stores.

I have worked for Foodstuffs, in this role for quite a number of years. Foodstuffs have been an excellent employer. They work hard at being a great team to work for, and to giving great service to our customers and suppliers.

We of course have several brands in the Foodstuffs stable, Gilmours, New World, Pak 'n' Save, Four Square and Liquor Land.

We are located right across both the North and South Islands of New Zealand one country, one team, except for the fact that until this time, some technological, managerial and logistical details separate us, (similar to my family with one child living in Christchurch and one in Adelaide), they are still my kids, we share the same relationship, the same family, just separated by water.

Woolworths, an Australian company have set up in our land, and in both the North and South Islands.

The one difference is, that they are a corporation instead of a co-operative.

All of their profits go across the Tasman sea. Ours (Foodstuffs), are kept in New Zealand, shared by many families who put their resources and passion back into their local communities. Isn't that great?

Foodstuffs has built social supermarkets, donates huge volumes to foodbanks in many towns and cities across the land, and support many local sponsorship relationships across both Islands. Many of our staff across our country volunteer in many organisations across the country, for the good of our communities.

What I would like to ask is :

Why is a new Zealand co-operative being disadvantaged over an Australian company?

I find this situation unfair, unreasonable, and unfaithful. It is like treating your neighbour to favouritism in preference to your family.

I am asking and appealing to you to treat our Foodstuffs family with the same equality as this foreign company. Therefore please allow the merger go ahead so North and South Island Foodstuffs can be allowed equal benefits of competitive purchasing power, which we will in turn be able to pass onto our customers.

Your sincerely

Beverley Moore