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Hi,

I am writing this email to support the merger of Foodstuffs North and South Islands.  
Following points I would like to highlight:

Being under one management, suppliers of both the islands will get the benefit of shipping the goods from one island to the other for best wholesale prices. That way supplier's selling network will improve across the islands. There must be couple of buyers in the North who want to own the Foodstuffs store businesses but have to face many challenges to get it, if the South island store ownerships are offered to them then few of the deserving applicants among them may show willingness to move to South.

I live in the South island and have seen overall conditions of the individually Foodstuffs stores is better managed than company owned Woolworths stores. This may be because Foodstuffs store owners take full responsibility of their respective stores whereas not much dedication is seen with the Woolworths store management. In my personal point of view I would like to see more of Foodstuffs stores in the South island after the merger. South island's population is growing fast and hence more grocery store options can be made available after the merger. Hoping to hear the best decision made by the Commerce Commission.

Best regards,  
[REDACTED]