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Singleton Horticulture Project

Comment on FortuneAgri's Referral to EPA

On behalf of Premier Fresh Australia, I would like to express our strong support for the development of the Singleton Horticulture Project that has been referred to the NT EPA by Fortune Agribusiness for environmental approval.

Premier Fresh Australia is one of Australia's largest fresh produce supply chain companies, providing domestic and overseas customers a single source of supply across a diverse range of fruit and vegetable categories.

Premier Fresh Australia has farming operations located in Humpty Doo, Northern Territory (NT) – Darwin Fruit Farms (DFF). DFF is the only commercial banana farm in the NT, supplying NT and National customers with consistent commercial quantities of bananas all year round.

From the information contained in the referral, I understand that extensive investigation works and scientific research have been undertaken by NT Government, Geoscience Australia, and Fortune Agribusiness to investigate horticulture potential in the Western Davenport region. I am pleased to learn that the Singleton Station overlies significant groundwater water resources, is in an area of low pest and disease prevalence and has suitable soils and climate conditions for a range of high value horticulture crops including mandarins and table grapes.

From my visit to Singleton Trial Farm, I appreciate that the produce from Singleton may supply the early season markets, before produce from southern states comes online. There is also the unique potential to supply Australian consumers with Australian grown produce through a period where products have historically needed to be imported.

I have visited Tennant Creek and Alice Springs and seen the challenges of lack of job opportunities and associated social challenges for young people in the region. The Singleton Horticulture Project will provide sustainable job opportunities for those young people while at





the same time provide a significant boost to the local economy in the Barkly region in NT and for food security in Australia.

We are extremely excited with the opportunity to market and distribute the produce from Singleton.

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