

# News release



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## Murray Goulburn acknowledges class action

Murray Goulburn Co-operative Co. Limited (MG) and MG Responsible Entity Limited, as responsible entity of the MG Unit Trust, have been notified that a group proceeding has been filed against them and a number of current and former directors in the Supreme Court of Victoria.

The proceeding has been filed on behalf of the lead plaintiff by Victorian solicitor Mark Elliott and has been served on the companies this morning.

The statement of claim alleges contraventions of the Corporations Act through allegedly misleading or deceptive statements made in a Product Disclosure Statement issued on 29 May 2015 (PDS), and in subsequent market announcements.

The proceeding purports to be brought by the lead plaintiff on behalf of unitholders who purchased units pursuant to the PDS and/or in the period "on or after 3 July 2015 and prior to the commencement of trading on 29 February 2016" and who held any of those units at the commencement of trading on 27 April 2016.

The companies strongly deny there is a proper basis for this claim, and will vigorously defend the proceedings.

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### About the MG Unit Trust

The MG Unit Trust is a special purpose funding vehicle which provides its unitholders with an economic exposure to the business of Murray Goulburn Co-operative Co. Limited (**Murray Goulburn**). The MG Unit Trust invests in notes and convertible preference shares issued by Murray Goulburn. The Responsible Entity of the MG Unit Trust is MG Responsible Entity Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Murray Goulburn. Unitholders are entitled to receive distributions equivalent to any dividends paid to the ordinary shareholders of Murray Goulburn. Dividends paid on ordinary shares will be determined by Murray Goulburn in accordance with the Profit Sharing Mechanism described in Section 6 of the Product Disclosure Statement dated 29 May 2015. Units do not confer a direct interest in Murray Goulburn.

Murray Goulburn is Australia's largest dairy foods company and one of Australia's largest food and beverage companies with annual turnover of approximately \$2.9 billion. Through its co-operative structure, Murray Goulburn has more than 2,500 supplier shareholders. Murray Goulburn manufactures and markets a full range of dairy and nutritional products such as cheese, milk powder, butter and fat, drinking milk and liquid milk products, nutritional and value-added products, such as infant formula. Murray Goulburn supplies the grocery, foodservice and ingredients channels domestically and around the world, particularly in Asia, with its flagship Devondale, Liddells and Murray Goulburn Ingredients brands.