

**ASX**

AUSTRALIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

MARKET RELEASE

29 August 2003

Wesfarmers Limited**TRADING HALT**

The securities of Wesfarmers Limited (the "Company") will be placed in pre-open at the request of the Company, pending the release of an announcement by the Company. Unless ASX decides otherwise, the securities will remain in pre-open until the earlier of the commencement of normal trading on Tuesday, 2 September 2003 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: WES

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29 August 2003

Mr Brendan O'Hara
Manager, Companies
Australian Stock Exchange Limited
Level 8, Exchange Plaza
2 The Esplanade
Perth, Western Australia

Dear Sir

REQUEST FOR TRADING HALT

Wesfarmers Limited requests a trading halt of its securities pending the release of an announcement which is expected to be made this afternoon.

The event that will end the trading halt is the making of the announcement.

Wesfarmers Limited is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted.

Yours faithfully

LINDA KENYON
COMPANY SECRETARY