

Commercial Egg Producers' Association of Victoria

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Our Association wish to draw your attention to the new appointments made to the Victorian Egg Board.

Our members are very concerned with the manner that the appointments were made. Our Association together with the Victorian Farmers' Union, Poultry Section were very pleased with the past Board membership, particularly with the past Chairman who contributed greatly in many ways towards industry stability, efficiency in handling, marketing and presentation of a far better product to the consumer than in the past. We are dismayed that the Chairman could have been stood down with no better excuse from the Minister than he thought that it was time for a change. This is a maximum embarrassment for a member of 18 years standing on the Board, mostly as an elected member.

We also find it hard to see the reasoning in replacing the Government appointed Producer Member from Mildura - Cr. L. Beasey, who has made an excellent contribution to the Board; by a person who represents a handful of big producers in the Metropolitan area.

We are concerned that Metropolitan Producer Agents will be given much more control of the industry to the detriment of the industry in the country areas.

I am forwarding to you the names of the old and new Board Members.

Previous Victorian Egg Board Members:-

- Alan Hudson - (Producer), Bendigo. - Chairman. Board member for 18 years, current Chairman of C.E.M.A.A.
- Andrew Ramsden - Deputy Chairman, (Resigned).
- Des Harris - Department of Agriculture. Retired from Department but was available for re-election.
- Cr. Lloyd Beasey - (Producer), Mildura. Twice Mayor of Mildura, Liberal candidate 3 years ago.
- Fred Wrigley - (Producer), Berwick. Member of Victorian Farmers' Union.
- Peter Carter - (Producer), Werribee. Member of Egg Producers Association