

Commercial Egg Producers' Association of Victoria

CENTRAL COUNCIL

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BRANCHES:-
BENDIGO
SOUTH BENDIGO
EAGLEHAWK
BALLARAT
WEDDERBURN
MURRABIT
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of Victoria. Personal friend of Minister. Sold eggs
Interstate up to a couple of years ago.

New Victorian Egg Board Members:-

- Peter Carter - Chairman.
Alan Hudson - Deputy Chairman.
Fred Wrigley
Jack Musgrove - Chairman of Egg Producers Association of Victoria.
Big farms at Bridgewater and Melbourne.
Bill Pratt - Senior Manager of Safeway Stores.
Mike Strauss - Masius Advertising Agency.

You can see by this list that the Minister has replaced
3 Board members and replaced the Chairman. This is the maximum change
he could inflict on any Rural Board in one year.

The only solution to this problem as the producers see it,
is to return to the system which operated up to 4 years ago, when Egg
Producers were able to elect some members to their Board, and then Board
Members to elect their Chairman. We feel this should be our democratic
right. The present method of selecting the Board places too much power
in the hands of one man.

It frightens us to think what could happen if there is
a change of Government in Victoria and we would have Liberal and Labor
appointed members on our Board. The Board could become politically
motivated. The Board's decisions are obviously being questioned by the
Minister at present. Our solution would help to save tension between
Producers and the Board and between Producers and the Government.

If you require any further information now or in the
future do not hesitate to contact me by phone on (054) 395316.

Yours faithfully,

Kevin Fitzgibbon,
SECRETARY

P.S. Don't confuse the "Commercial Egg Producers Association of Victoria"
which is our Bendigo and Northern Victorian Association, with the
"Big 10" which operate as the "Egg Producers Association of Victoria".