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Mr. D. S. Wishart,  
Director General of Agriculture,  
Department of Agriculture,  
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MELBOURNE. 3001

Dear Mr. Wishart,

At our recent conference I was instructed to write to you requesting that every endeavour should be made to retain genetic laying stock in Victoria, as it has been suggested that the flock at Dookie be sold. We understand that there is still some pure-bred stock in Victoria, but would they be prepared to sell them to a new breeder.

Another point I wish to raise on our Association's behalf is with the problem of keeping birds in cages, there is much discussion on this at the moment and we believe that the Department of Agriculture by bringing Dr. Linda Murphy down to the Field Day at Werribee will only create more publicity to this matter. Various organisations and the media take up issues like this and make headlines of them. As 90% of the birds in the world are kept in cages we believe it is a non-issue.

Yours faithfully,

K. Fitzgibbon,  
SECRETARY