

Commercial Egg Producers' Association of Victoria

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Mr. J.W. Bouchier, MP.
Hills Bazaar,
BENDIGO. 3550.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to request that you receive a deputation from our Association to discuss the following two matters, as soon as possible.

1. The Concern of our Association regarding a rumour that the export controls on meatmeal are to be lifted on 16th. September.

Could you please inform us if this is true? We believe if this control is lifted exporters could force prices up higher than they should be without necessarily benefitting livestock producers. The effect on our industry would be to escalate our ever increasing cost of production. We expect this matter may be dealt with at the Agricultural Council Meeting in Canberra in August, therefore regard it with utmost urgency.

2. Concern regarding major finding and recommendation No. 7 on page three of Committee of Enquiry Report into Egg Marketing in Victoria that producers with under 500 hens be exempt from registration with the Board and that those with fewer than 1000 hens be exempt from levies.

We believe that the eggs from flocks over 20 hens are commercial and in excess of owners use, and are sold for profit. If this recommendation was implemented we believe it would break down orderly marketing.

Copies of this letter are being sent to Mr. Nixon and Mr. Austin.

We would be glad to meet you at your convenience, and thank you in anticipation,

Yours Faithfully,

CORIES

P. NIXON, MIN. of Primary Industry
T. Austin, MIN of Agriculture.

K. FITZGIBBON
SECRETARY.

also to J.W. Bouchier
Canberra.