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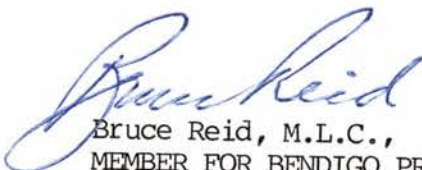
Mr. K. Fitzgibbon,
Secretary,
Commercial Egg Producers' Association of Victoria,
STRATHFIELDSAYE. 3551

Dear Mr. Fitzgibbon,

Thank you for your recent letter and a copy of a submission from your Association to the Victorian Egg Marketing Board re the Dockage Discussion Paper.

I have taken the opportunity to forward this document on to the Hon. Tom Austin, Shadow Minister for Agriculture, for his comments.

Yours sincerely,


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MEMBER FOR BENDIGO PROVINCE.

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DOCKAGE DISCUSSION PAPER

Dockage is the term used in the Industry to identify the cost of transporting eggs, packing material and egg products between official receiving and/or selling depots, grading floors and the Board's Keysborough packing floor and manufacturing plant.

In addition to grading floors at Mildura, Bendigo and Thomastown, the following towns are currently official selling and/or receiving depots:-

VICTORIAN EGG DEPOTS

Average weekly dozens
expected to be covered
by dockage in
1982/83

	<u>Sales</u>	<u>Receivals</u>
Euroa	-	20,000
Morwell	4,500	
Geelong		25,000
Warrnambool		16,000
Portland	1,100	
Hamilton	1,680	
Ballarat	4,500	3,730
Stawell		550
Horsham	800	370
Dimboola	100	950
Charlton	300	1,500
Mansfield	1,000	
Casterton	200	
Colleraine	100	
Castlemaine	800	
Kerang	800	
Swan Hill	2,220	
Echuca	2,000	
Benalla		170
Wangaratta		12,500
Shepparton		6,500
Warragul		10,000
Moe		1,685
Maryborough		300
Total	<u>20,100</u>	<u>99,256</u>

COST OF DOCKAGE

The financial position to 5th March 1983 indicates that dockage costs for 1982/83 as a whole will be around \$500,000. This approximate figure will be made up of the following major items:-

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| (a) Cartage of eggs and packing material between Bendigo and Melbourne (mainly graded eggs from Bendigo to Melbourne) | \$250,000 |
| (b) Cartage of eggs and packing material between the Wimmera depots and Ballarat and Bendigo and Melbourne (basically ungraded eggs to Bendigo, pack-to-order eggs to Melbourne). | \$ 57,000 |
| (c) Cartage of eggs and packing material between Geelong and Melbourne (basically graded eggs to Melbourne) | \$ 50,000 |
| (d) Cartage of eggs and packing material between Euroa and Melbourne (basically graded eggs to Melbourne) | \$ 35,000 |
| (e) Cartage of eggs and packing material between Gippsland depots and Melbourne | \$ 30,000 |
| (f) Cartage of eggs and packing material between Thomastown and Keysborough | \$ 30,000 |
| (g) Cartage of eggs and packing material between Melbourne and Mildura | \$ 15,000 |
| (h) Cartage between the Western District depots and Ballarat | \$ 25,000 |

- (b) The need to maintain an effective equalization price structure.
- (c) The length of time that production units have been in their present location.
- (d) As far as possible costs incurred in the Industry should be paid by the eggs or egg products incurring the cost.

If Industry organizations or individuals interested in Industry transport costs require more details before making a written submission, the Board's Operations Manager, Mr. Gordon Hudson would be pleased to assist.

THE VICTORIAN EGG MARKETING BOARD



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