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Mr. D. Kennedy, M.L.A.,
Member for Bendigo,
Dispensary Walk,
off Hargreaves Street,
BENDIGO. VIC. 3550

Dear Mr. Kennedy,

I refer to your letter of December 24, 1982, on behalf of the Commercial Egg Producers' Association.

The Association is concerned that there may be transfers of hen quotas through sale of farms, and that the quota is then removed from the farm and the farm sold back to the original owner.

The Bill I introduced in Parliament on December 7, 1982, to amend the Egg Industry Stabilization Act allows for ready transfer of quota and so there is no reason why such a situation should arise again.

Further, there is provision that individuals will now not be able to accumulate more than 10,000 hen quotas, so the Association's concern about the future build-up of hen quotas by large producers can also be dispelled.

The large Bartter farms from New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory would not be eligible to buy any Victorian hen quotas.

The Acting Secretary of the Poultry Farmer Licensing Review Committee will reply to the Commercial Egg Producers' Association's letter after the next meeting of the Review Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Eric Kent

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