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Mrs. J. Heard,
Hon. Secretary,
South Bendigo Branch,
Commercial Egg Producers
Association,
Wicks Road,
MAIDEN GULLY, Vic. 3551

Dear Mrs. Heard,

I refer to your letter of February 15, 1983, regarding publicity in the Herald regarding interstate eggs from Bartter Enterprises.

Such publicity is unfortunate, especially as negotiations have been proceeding for some months with this company to transfer their egg marketing in Victoria back into New South Wales.

The negotiations are in their concluding stages and I am confident they will be finalised very soon.

This cessation of interstate eggs moving into Victoria will assist the Victorian Egg Marketing Board and producers in general.

The continuing surplus of eggs in New South Wales is a matter of particular concern to me. It is disappointing because the Victorian Board has succeeded in regulating egg production down to a very small surplus.

I will continue to pursue this matter with the N.S.W. Minister of Agriculture in the hope that their Egg Board will finally control egg production effectively.

The Victorian Egg Marketing Board will also continue discussion with the New South Wales Board on the matter.

Yours sincerely,

ERIC KENT
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE