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7th July, 1983.

Mr. Alan T. Harrison,
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Dear Alan,

The Commercial Egg Producers' Association of Victoria firmly believe that the present system of Dockage should be adhered to for the following reasons:-

- (1) The basis and principal of the Marketing of Primary Products Act involves all costs be shared equally and that no producer be disadvantaged. All eggs which have been delivered to the Board or an authorized Board Agent (e.g. Crystal Egg Co.) become the absolute property of the Board and no further freight is applicable as stated in present Act which came into operation on the 2nd December, 1935 and still applies.
- (2) If the basis of Orderly Marketing is changed this could alter the whole ambit of the Egg Board.
- (3) Dockage has always been a very basic plank of orderly marketing which must be adhered to in full context.
- (4) Producer Agents and Distributors have the privilege of being able to recoup costs on delivery to retailers ranging from 3c to 15c per dozen.
- (5) The overall cost of Dockage to the Board amounts to only approximately 1 cent per dozen.
- (6) Producers close to markets have special access to these markets and are protected under registration.
- (7) It has been argued that country producers have the privilege of cheaper feed stuffs, but we would challenge this claim on available information this is not so and in any case Dockage applies to all parts of Victoria; for example Gippsland.

All grains and by products including ready mixed feeds with the exception of wheat purchased through the Australian Wheat Board. are cheaper in the Metropolitan Area, (main reason being backloading on transports).

(8) If the present system of Dockage was departed from it would not align with the policy of decentralisation supported by all Political Parties.

(9) It could be undesirable to have most production concentrated close to market outlets because supply could be unreliable in event of disease outbreak or similar occurrence.

(10) Surplus eggs from Producer Agents which are usually of inferior quality that must be put into products and pulp incur costs that must be met from equalisation and pools, in the same way as dockage.

We would prefer to enlarge upon our submission with a deputation to your Board before a decision is made.

Yours sincerely

K. Fitzgibbon,
SECRETARY.

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30th June, 1983.

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Dear Edie,

Enclosed please find for your information a copy of the Discussion Paper on Egg Industry Stabilization forwarded to use by the Minister of Agriculture and also copy of same including amendments and suggestions from this Association.

Yours sincerely,

K. Fitzgibbon,
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