

# EGG FARMERS OF VICTORIA

The Victorian Egg Marketing Board trading as Egg Farmers of Victoria

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Mr. K. Fitzgibbon,  
Secretary,  
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Dear Kevin,

I refer to your letter of the 21st October regarding the proposed amendments to the Marketing of Primary Products Act.

The Marketing of Primary Products Act and Egg Industry Stabilisation (Amendments) Bill was introduced to State Parliament on the 29th October 1985. The changes to the legislation allow the Board to enter into contracts with producers to pay marketing and administration charges on a per issued quota basis rather than as an egg levy.

When the Board visited Bendigo on the 21st August 1985, the proposed levy was described in terms of the system currently operating in New South Wales where the issued quota does not change but producers are only allowed to use a portion of it. At the present time, producers in New South Wales are only permitted to use 77% of their quota.

As the details of the Victorian scheme became clearer, it was obvious that the New South Wales system could not work in Victoria and the levy will have to be applied on issued quota on a per hen per fortnight basis.

The suggested quota levy rate of 7.5 cents per issued quota per hen per fortnight, is equivalent to \$1.95 per year and where a farm runs at 93% quota utilization, with an average rate of lay of 21 dozen per hen, this is equivalent to 10¢/dozen.

Your suggestion that quota can be surrendered to the Board for a minimum period of four weeks for at least 10% of quota held, will be considered by the Board in the light of the experience in New South Wales where these conditions had to be reviewed several times to make the system work effectively.

Yours sincerely,  
THE VICTORIAN EGG MARKETING BOARD

  
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