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Hon. Bernie Dunne, M.L.C.
Parliament House,
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Dear Bernie,

On behalf of this Association I would like to thank you for forwarding a copy of "Marketing of Primary Products and Egg Industry Stabilization (Amendment) Act 1985" for our comments.

Following a study of same we would like to make the following remarks:-

- (1) We would like to see provision in the Act for a buy back scheme such as in N.S.W., where the Board takes back quota for a certain period say 2-4 weeks.
This would provide for farmers accepted by an outbreak of disease, heat wave of other similar disasters.
- (2) A standard contract should be issued for all farmers with no special treatment according to size of farm.
- (3) Penalties for overquota birds need to be heavy and be strongly policed.
- (4) That there should only be one nominee for each company and/or subsidiary of a company. The danger being that the 40,000 bird limit could be exploited. The 40,000 limit must be retained if family type farms are to remain viable.

The Board has recommended drastic changes to the cartage of eggs which will affect the country producers financially. We will be looking for your assistance with this matter in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

K. Fitzgibbon,
SECRETARY.