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Mr J Heard
Secretary
South Bendigo Branch
Commercial Egg Producers Association
Wicks Road
MAIDEN GULLY 3551

Dear Mr Heard,

The Minister has asked me to respond to your letter of 14 August 1985. It appears there is some confusion in relation to the payment of compensation claimed by your members affected by the recent fowl plague outbreak.

Part payment of compensation claimed has been made to four of the six growers, as well as to Hazeldene's Chicken Farm Pty Ltd. Two of the growers have been paid around 90% of their total claims made to the Department, two have been paid 40% and 75% and two have not had any progress payments. These last two growers have each made only one claim. There are still some matters to be finalized before final payments can be made.

Since Hazeldene's Chicken Farm Pty Ltd owned the chickens on the growers' farms, payment for the chickens destroyed has been made to that company. The company is responsible for paying the growers any growing fees due. Hazeldene's Chicken Farm Pty Ltd has also been paid nearly 90% of the claims submitted. There are still some matters to be finalized with Mr Hazeldene before final payments can be made.

As stated, substantial progress payments have been made to persons affected by fowl plague eradication measures. The Department is hopeful of finalizing all outstanding claims in the very near future.

Yours sincerely,

D E HORE
ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

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6th September, 1985.

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

Dear Mr. Heard,

Thank you for your letter informing me of a number of matters of concern to Commercial Egg Producers in your area.

I am aware of the need for a replacement Poultry Officer in the Bendigo area and have already made representations to the Minister of Agriculture seeking such a replacement.

I will again pursue this matter with him as I recognise the importance of the industry in that part of Victoria.

I have also made representations to the Minister concerning the restrictions that exist in present compensation that is made available at times of an exotic disease such as the fowl plague problems that we had earlier this year.

Many people have not been compensated at all and others inadequately so.

I have suggested to the Minister that the whole issue of compensation needs to be reconsidered in the light of the experience of the Bendigo fowl plague disaster.

Hopefully our representations on these matters will be successful and I will be pleased to remain in close contact with you.

Yours sincerely,

Bernie Dunn M.L.C.,
Leader of the National Party (Council),
Member for North Western Province.



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6th September, 1985

Mr J. Heard
Secretary
South Bendigo Branch
Commercial Egg Producers Association
Wicks Road
MAIDEN GULLY VIC 3551.

Dear Sir

Thank you for your letter of the 14th August, 1985.

I am particularly anxious that compensation payments should be made promptly and that the Act should be looked at, with a view to making satisfactory amendments.

If I can assist your Association in any way in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

MICHAEL JOHN, M.P.
STATE MEMBER FOR BENDIGO EAST.



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August 20, 1985.

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

Dear Mr. Heard,

RE: COMPENSATION PAYMENTS AND REPLACEMENT POULTRY OFFICER.

Many thanks for your letter dated August 14, 1985, along with copies of correspondence forwarded to the Minister for Agriculture, expressing your concern over the delay in payments of compensation to members affected by the recent fowl plague.

Your Association is further concerned that the present Poultry Officer stationed at Bendigo may not be replaced after his transfer to Melbourne later this year, and as you say the recent fowl plague highlights the necessity of an officer in Bendigo.

I fully support your Association in both of these matters, and have made supporting representations to the Minister for Agriculture Hon. Evan Walker M.L.C.

As soon as more information is received, I shall contact you again.

Yours sincerely,

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KEN WRIGHT M.L.C.
Member for North-Western Province.

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Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs

19 AUG 1985

Mr. J. Heard,
Secretary,
South Bendigo Branch,
Commercial Egg Producers Association,
Wicks Road,
MAIDEN GULLY, VIC. 3551.

Dear Mr. Heard,

Thank you for your letter of 14th August 1985, concerning
the recent outbreak of fowl plague and the Compensation Act 1968.

Your correspondence has been drawn to the attention of the
Minister for his consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Philip Staindl

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PRIVATE SECRETARY

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South Bendigo Branch
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Dear Mr. Heard,

The Minister has asked me to respond to your letter of 14 August, 1985. The Stock Diseases Act, 1968, is currently under review. This Act provides the compensation in the event of exotic animal diseases.

I will arrange that draft copies of any proposed legislation be sent to your organisation when it becomes available. This will probably be 2-3 months.

Thank you for your enquiry.

Yours sincerely,

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D.E. HORE
ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL



Heard
Commercial Egg Producers Association

BENDIGO AND SOUTH BENDIGO BRANCHES

Bendigo, 14 / 8 / 1985

The Hon. Evan Walker M.L.C.
P.O.Box 500
East Melbourne 3002.

Dear Sir,

I have been instructed to write to you on behalf of our Associations expressing concern at the delay of compensation payments to members affected by the recent fowl plague.

Although more than eleven weeks have elapsed since the outbreak, none of the growers involved with Mr. Hazeldene have received any payments for losses incurred.

In order to remain viable, producers must have cash to purchase replacement equipment and to pay accumulating bills.

Progress payment, for amounts which have been agreed to, are urgently required as there will be no income from chickens for some considerable time.

We sincerely hope that you will give this matter your immediate attention.

Yours faithfully,

J. Heard
Secretary, South Bendigo Branch.
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Maiden Gully 3551

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*Copies to K. Wright
B. Deanne
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D. Kennedy*

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Commercial Egg Producers Association

BENDIGO AND SOUTH BENDIGO BRANCHES

Bendigo, 14/8/1985

Mr Knight

Mr Durme

Mr John

Dear Mr Kennedy,

In order to keep you up to date in matters affected ^{ing} the local C.E.P.A. I am enclosing a copy of the letter I was required to write to the Minister regarding compensation payments.

Also enclosed is a copy of a letter to the Director of Agriculture regarding ^{the need for} a replacement poultry officer in Bendigo, which we hope you will support.

Yours faithfully

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Commercial Egg Producers Association

BENDIGO AND SOUTH BENDIGO BRANCHES

Bendigo, 14 / 3 / 1985

Mr. David Smith.
Director of Agriculture,
Box 2041 P.O.
Melbourne.

Dear Mr. Smith,

It was moved at our August meeting that I contact you expressing our concern and conviction that a replacement poultry officer is required to be stationed at Bendigo to service Bendigo and Northern Victoria when Greg. Parkinson is transferred to Melbourne.

The recent fowl plague has highlighted this need and members feel this is a matter of grave importance to producers in this large area.

Yours faithfully,



J. Heard.
Sec., 14th. Bendigo Branch.
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Commercial Egg Producers Association

BENDIGO AND SOUTH BENDIGO BRANCHES

Bendigo, 14 / 8 / 1985

RE COMPENSATION ACT OF 1968

Dear Sir,

In view of problems that have become evident during and following the Exotic Disease outbreak of Fowl Plague, we urge that the Compensation Act of 1968 be reviewed and updated in light of this experience.

This branch, members of which were directly concerned, wishes to be consulted in an advisory capacity when such legislation is planned.

Whilst hoping that we will be free of any further such outbreaks, we stress the need to be prepared and while the memory of this is still fresh, this should be the time to improve the Act.

Yours faithfully,

F. Heard.
Secretary
Wicks Rd,
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27 AUG 1985

Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs

21 AUG 1985

The Hon. K. Wright, M.L.C.,
Member for North Western Province,
20 Bath Lane,
BENDIGO, VIC. 3550.

Dear Mr. Wright,

Thank you for your letter of 20th August 1985, concerning representations on behalf of the South Bendigo Branch of the Commercial Egg Producers Association in regard to the recent fowl plague outbreak.

Your correspondence has been drawn to the attention of the Minister for his consideration.

Yours sincerely,

PHILIP STAINDL
PRIVATE SECRETARY

per: C. Corry