

Deputy Leader of the Opposition



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M/s. J. Heard,
Secretary,
Commercial Egg Producers Association,
Bendigo and South Bendigo Branches,
Wicks Road.,
MAIDEN GULLY. VIC. 3550

Dear M/s. Heard,

The Hon. Bruce Reid has passed onto me your correspondence regarding your concern over the proposal to remove the transport subsidy on eggs.

Unfortunately this decision does not require legislation and therefore we will not be in a position to oppose in it the Parliament.

During recent discussions we have suggested that if there is a determination to remove the existing subsidy, then it should be phased out gradually over a period of time to reduce the detrimental impact, particularly on Bendigo egg producers.

I will be sure to make known your views regarding this matter at any further discussion which might take place in this regard.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Tom Austin'.

TOM AUSTIN,
MEMBER FOR RIPON.

FROM THE ELECTORATE OFFICE OF THE HON. TOM. AUSTIN, M.P. (RIPON)
SHADOW MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE