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29th October, 1986.

Mr. A. Harrison,
General Manager,
The Victorian Egg Marketing Board,
P.O. Box 141,
NOBLE PARK. 3174

Dear Alan,

On behalf of our Organisation we strongly protest against the proposed regulation to have the Keysborough Egg Grading Floor as the only prescribed place for the receipt of eggs for the state of Victoria.

Regarding the Board's Impact Statement, we don't accept that Egg Board distribution costs should be regarded as subsidies. The proposed changes discriminates against country egg producers. We must remember that the eggs are the property of the Egg Marketing Board and Bendigo egg producers are not allowed Farm Pack Licenses, which would allow them to sell direct to distributors like Melbourne producers do.

We suggest that the Crystal Co. Floor and Tom Neylon & Son Floor should be prescribed places, this would provide a better and fairer cover for Victoria. This is more practical than forcing country egg producers to leave the industry or relocate their farms as suggested in your Impact Statement.

The main objective of the impact study is "The cost of egg transport will then be negotiated between the buyer and the seller in the normal commercial way". We believe this is happening at the moment, the Egg Producers being the seller and the Board the buyer. The producer has always paid the cartage on eggs to the Board grading floor or depot.

The Board claims that "at the present time there is no place prescribed in the existing regulations". As we read the Act, the Board has the right to prescribe any place. We don't think any Politician or poultry farmer ever thought that there would be only one prescribed place for all Victoria.

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The Commercial Egg Producers Association suggest that the Egg Board get expert advice from an experienced transport operator, someone like Lindsay Fox who distributes Coca Cola among other things. This should be done before this regulation is gazetted.

It is definately wrong to have Keysborough floor as the only prescribed place for Victoria because of its position. Bendigo eggs are being carted south to Keysborough at the moment and distributors are travelling south and carting them north. This situation should not be allowed to continue.

The best way to cut transport costs is to keep to the shorest possible distance.

Another point to consider is many country towns in Victoria are loosing population at the moment, but we are confident that this position will and must change in the future and more eggs will be required in country areas.

We believe this regulation should be deferred until after the Public Bodies Review Report has been tabled.

Yours sincerely,



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Mr. Lindsay Bartels,
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R.S.D. 'Mystic Park',
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Dear Lindsay,

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