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Mr. David Ali,
Secretary,
Public Bodies Review Committee,
2nd Floor, "Treasury Gate"
1-15 Little Collins Street,
MELBOURNE. 3000

Dear Mr. Ali,

I am writing on behalf of the Commercial Egg Producers Association to explain the serious situation that has arisen by the South Australian Governments' decision that the South Australian Egg Board should be phased out by the end of the financial year and is to be replaced by some other organisation yet to be set up.

We are not sure how this new organisation will be involved in egg marketing. We believe this decision has been the result of the Prices Commissioner's Report on Victorian Egg Prices, August, 1986.

On the 28th August, 1986 we sent a protest letter to the Victorian Minister for Agriculture stating some of the inaccuracies in the report and a copy of that letter was sent to the Public Bodies Review Cttee.

I believe the Ministers have been too quick to accept the report without question. Our members are concerned that if any State withdraws from orderly marketing or the quota system, it could destroy orderly marketing of eggs for the whole of Australia.

Some of the products the Victorian Egg Board have been developing through their 5 year plan could be paying off. With the fall in the Australian Dollar there appears there could now be an export market for products.

Hoping that your Committee will give these comments consideration,

Yours sincerely,

K. Fitzgibbon,
SECRETARY