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12th May, 1986.

Mr. Ken Wright,  
National Party Offices,  
44c Victoria Street,  
KERANG. 3579

Dear Ken,

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Our Association hopes that you in your wisdom will consider this further and support all country producers in their fight for survival.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr. Michael John, M.L.A.,  
Liberal Party Office,  
View Street,  
HENDIGO. 3650

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Mr. Bernie Dunn,  
123 Scott Street,  
WARRACKNABEAL. 3393

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Mr. David Kennedy, M.L.A.,  
Dispensary Walk,  
Off Hargreaves Street,  
BENDIGO. 3550

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The Hon. Evan Walker, M.L.C.,  
Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs,  
P.O. Box 500,  
EAST MELBOURNE. 3002

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# Commercial Egg Producers' Association of Victoria

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## SUBMISSION TO VICTORIAN EGG MARKETING BOARD

Wednesday 7th May, 1986 at 2.00 p.m.

The Commercial Egg Producers' Association object to the Victorian Egg Marketing Board's proposed changes to the dockage Charges on graded eggs.

We all know the eggs belong to the Board and the producers have to pay cartage on eggs to the Board or Authorized Agent. Any charges from here on are Victorian Egg Board marketing costs and should be paid for equally by all producers.

The proposed change would cost Bendigo producers 3.92 cents per dozen extra, while Melbourne producers pay nothing. At the present time some country producers pay over 5 cents per dozen to deliver their eggs to the Board's Authorized Grading Floor, This extra 4 cents would make a total cost of cartage of 9 cents per dozen.

Cartage costs increase by 5% at least per year and with costs compounding, in about 15 years the cost could be 18 cents per dozen, on the total profit from the sale of eggs.

The Egg Board members must realize that they are the Victorian Egg Marketing Board and should treat all producers as equal.

When similar changes were made in New South Wales, 125 producers left the industry.

The Board should consider deferring cartage charges from depots until after the new Board members are announced, as there are 4 members retiring at the end of June.

Commercial Egg Producers Association members are concerned over the declining number of egg sales.

The new proposals are discriminating against country producers. Financially, Melbourne producers will benefit.

V.E.B. needs our ungraded eggs - to keep up their sales.

Because there is now less farmers in the industry and more P.A.'s being granted; is the Board justified in purchasing new grading equipment at Keysborough?

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Since the installation of this new equipment has the number of people working at Keysborough been reduced?

Sales:- Eggs - Products. Present sales personnel not efficient enough. Greater effort should be made to introduce eggs into McDonald's!

Board's 5 Year Plan. Proposed increase of 1% per annum was expected, this increase in sales has not happened - what is the reason?

Board's new Double header carton has no bar code.

Efficiency is always demanded of Producers; is the Board conducting their part of the industry in an efficient manner?

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