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10th February, 1986.

Mr. J. Heard,
Wicks Road,
MAIDEN GULLY VIC. 3551

Dear Mr. Heard,

Your letter of 17th December 1986 to Mr. B. Perry has been referred to me as our Bendigo farm falls within my area of responsibility.

While I would be pleased to attend one of your meetings to discuss our operation at Huntly, perhaps a brief resume of our recent activities should satisfy your members enquiries at this stage.

Our Huntly farm has been established to house breeding stock previously located in the Melbourne metropolitan area. This property was sold and hence facilities had to be re-located. The new facility at Huntly is therefore only a replacement for an existing facility.

The stock at Huntly is operated basically under breeder permit producing fertile eggs for ultimate sale as cross-bred chicks to commercial egg producers.

I am sure our Sales Representative, Mr. Geoff Bentley, would have already called on most of your members to announce the availability of our layer chicken.

We trust the above clarifies our interest in the area and we invite all of your members to contact us should we be able to offer any services in relation to their commercial egg operations.

Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your letter.

Yours faithfully,
ALLIED POULTRY BREEDERS


P. FARLEY
MANAGER

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February 11, 1986

Mrs. Joan Heard,
Secretary,
South Bendigo C.E.P.A.,
Wicks Road,
MAIDEN GULLY

Dear Mrs. Heard,

I enclose a copy of a letter I have received from the Minister for Agriculture & Rural Affairs, Mr. Evan Walker, to representations I made on behalf of the South Bendigo C.E.P.A. in relation to proposed changes to dockage.

I am sure you will be pleased to read that the Minister has written to the Victorian Egg Marketing Board seeking a review by the Board in relation to egg transport subsidies.

I am sure you will be pleased to read of the Minister's approach to the Egg Board in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

DAVID KENNEDY, M.L.A.,
Member for Bendigo West

David Kennedy

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Reference No.

Mr. David Kennedy, MP,
Member for Bendigo West,
Dispensary Walk,
(Off Hargreaves Street),
BENDIGO. 3550

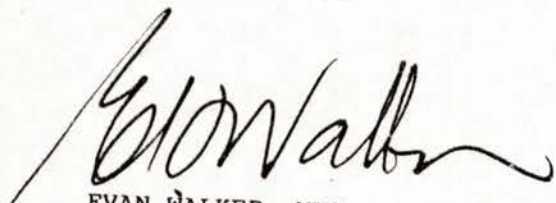
Dear Mr. Kennedy,

I refer to your recent representations concerning the Egg Board's decision relating to egg transport subsidies.

Please find enclosed a copy of a letter I have sent to the Egg Board seeking a review by the Board taking into account the special situation in Bendigo.

Thank you again for your strong representations.

Yours sincerely,


EVAN WALKER, MLC
MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS

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MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

7 FEB 1986

Reference No.

Mr. D. Foster,
Chairman,
Victorian Egg Marketing Board,
P.O. Box 88,
NOBLE PARK. 3174

Dear Mr. Foster,

RE: EGG TRANSPORT SUBSIDIES

As discussed with you, I have received a number of representations over the last few months from Mr. David Kennedy, MLA, for Bendigo West, and more recently from a number of other Members of Parliament concerning the impact on the Bendigo area on proposals to phase out egg transport subsidies.

Further to our previous discussions on this matter, I would appreciate the Egg Board further considering this matter to see if some account can be taken of the special circumstances applying to the Bendigo area. Mr. Kennedy has very strongly put the view that there should be no unnecessary financial burden on Bendigo producers and that there should be no significant reduction in the number of egg producers in the Bendigo region.

I believe that in its deliberations the Board should try to take account of these objectives and have regard to the special circumstances of the development of the egg industry in the Bendigo area. Some accommodation in the implementation of the Board's decision relating to egg transport subsidies would be desirable.

Yours sincerely,

EVAN WALKER, MLC
MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS

c.c. Mr. D. Kennedy, MP



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13th February 1986

Mrs J. Heard,
Secretary South Bendigo C.E.P.A.,
Wicks Road,
MAIDEN GULLY 3551

Dear Mrs Heard,

re: EGG TRANSPORT DOCKAGES

Enclosed is a letter I have received from the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs Mr Walker, following representations I made to him concerning the proposed removal of egg transport dockages.

I have had further discussions with the Ministers' office since receiving the letter, and understand that he has not declined the invitation to visit Bendigo, but is awaiting a full report from the Victorian Egg Marketing Board before he makes a decision on my request.

I am encouraged by the fact that he acknowledges a special situation exists in the Bendigo area, and hopefully when he receives his report from the Board, he will be prepared to meet sections of the Industry, and also visit your area.

I will communicate with you again when I have a further response from him.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bernie Dunn'.

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

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Minister for Agriculture and Rural Affairs

The Hon. B. Dunn, MLC,
123 Scott Street,
WARRACKNABEAL. 3393

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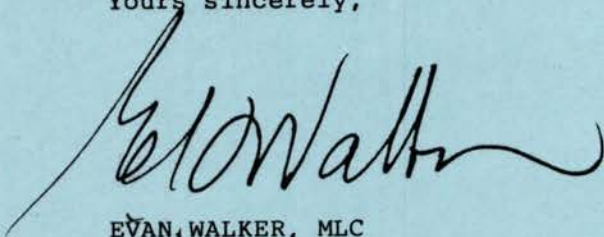
Dear Mr. Dunn,

RE: EGG TRANSPORT SUBSIDIES

Thank you for your letter of 22nd January 1986, relating to the decision of the Victorian Egg Marketing Board concerning egg transport subsidies.

I have written to the Egg Board seeking a full report on this matter taking account of the special situation which I believe exists in the Bendigo area. I have also written to Mr. David Kennedy, MLA for Bendigo West, who has made representations on this matter to me over the last few months.

Yours sincerely,



EVAN WALKER, MLC
MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS

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Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs

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20 FEB 1986

Mrs J Heard
Secretary
South Bendigo CEPA
Wicks Road
MAIDEN GULLY 3550

Dear Mrs Heard

I refer to your letter of 5 November 1985 regarding egg transport subsidies.

I have written to the Victorian Egg Marketing Board seeking a full report on this matter taking into account of the special situation which I believe exists in the Bendigo Area.

Yours sincerely

EVAN WALKER, MLC
MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS

Per: Rep Steinfeld



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March 4, 1986

Mrs. Joan Heard,
Secretary,
South Bendigo C.E.P.A.,
Wicks Road,
MAIDEN GULLY

Dear Mrs. Heard,

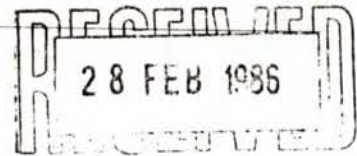
I enclose a copy of a letter I have received from the Minister for Agriculture & Rural Affairs, Mr. Evan Walker, in relation to the Victorian Egg Marketing Board's dockage charges.

Also enclosed is a copy of a letter from the General Manager of the Egg Board, Mr. Alan Harrison in regard to this matter. You will note that some concessions have been made on the part of the Egg Board in relation to the time allowed for the phasing out of the subsidy. The Egg Board indicates that in view of the submissions received from producers in the Bendigo area, and the Minister's request to review its position, the Board is prepared to phase out the transport subsidy to the grading floors over a four year rather than a three year period.

You will note further that the original subsidy phase out proposal for the three designated grading floors provided that the phase out would not start until July 1, 1987. For this reason producers in the areas serviced by these three major grading floors, including Bendigo, would, in fact, be 0.59c/dozen better off in 1986/87 because the benefits of the reduced subsidies in other areas will be applied 12 months before the reduction in grading floor subsidies occurs.

The Board also believes that some Bendigo producers may be able to specialise in free range egg production which could more than off-set any additional cost to Bendigo producers as the transport subsidy is withdrawn and they believe that the proposals will lead to more efficient egg distribution and cost benefits to all producers generally.

I trust the concessions the Minister has won for Bendigo egg producers and the strong support the industry receives from this Government are of assistance to your Association and



27 FEB 1986

Mr. David Kennedy, MP,
Member for Bendigo West,
Dispensary Walk (Off
Hargreaves Street),
BENDIGO. 3550

Reference No.

Dear David,

Further to our recent correspondence regarding the Victorian Egg Marketing Board's dockage charges, I enclose for your information a copy of correspondence received from the General Manager of the Egg Board, Mr. Alan Harrison.

As you can see, some concessions have been made on the part of the Board in relation to the time allowed for the phasing out of the subsidy and you may wish to advise interested people locally of this change.

Should you have any further queries, please feel free to contact my Office.

Yours sincerely,

EVAN WALKER, MLC
MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS

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Phase out of transport subsidies

A - DEPOTS
(Unchanged)

	<u>Cost</u> <u>1984/85</u>
<u>MURRAYVILLE/CHARLTON</u>	
- Cartage of ungraded eggs from Murrayville area to Mildura grading floor	\$12,819
- Cartage of ungraded eggs from Charlton area to Crystal Egg Co.	\$16,764
Subsidy: 100% removed from 30/6/1986	
<u>GIPPSLAND</u>	
- Cartage of eggs and packing material to Gippsland depots.	\$43,337
Subsidy: 100% removed from 30/6/1986	
<u>GEEELONG</u>	
- Cartage of eggs and packing material - Geelong depot to Melbourne	\$49,205
Subsidy: 50% removed from 30/6/1986 50% removed from 30/6/1987	
<u>EUROA</u>	
- Cartage of eggs and packing material - Euroa depot to Melbourne	\$88,791
Subsidy: 50% removed from 30/6/1986 50% removed from 30/6/1987	
<u>BALLARAT</u>	
- Cartage of eggs and packing material - Ballarat depot to Melbourne	\$49,205
Subsidy: 50% removed on 30/6/1986 50% removed on 30/6/1987	
<u>SELLING DEPOTS</u>	
- Cartage of graded eggs to country selling depots	\$79,105
Subsidy: 100% removed from 30/6/1987	
- Cartage of frozen products to selling depots	\$24,281
Subsidy: 100% removed from 30/6/1986	

This amended proposal would operate as follows:-

B - GRADING FLOORS
(Grading Floors amended to 4 years)

<u>Location</u>	<u>1984/85 Throughput (M.doz.)</u>	<u>1984/85 Subsidy</u>	<u>Recommended Future Subsidy</u>	<u>Additional Transport Cost ¢/doz.</u>	<u>Reduction in Adminis- tration levy ¢/doz.</u>	<u>Nett Cost (Benefit)</u>
Bendigo	6.06	\$220,646	1986/87 @ 100%	-	(0.59)	(0.59)
			1987/88 @ 75%	0.91	(0.95)	(0.04)
			1988/89 @ 50%	1.82	(1.10)	0.72
			1989/90 @ 25%	2.73	(1.25)	1.48
			1990/91 @ 0%	3.64	(1.40)	2.24
Mildura	0.918	\$ 36,610	1986/87 @ 100%	-	(0.59)	(0.59)
			1987/88 @ 75%	0.99	(0.95)	0.04
			1988/89 @ 50%	1.99	(1.10)	0.89
			1989/90 @ 25%	2.99	(1.25)	1.74
			1990/91 @ 0%	3.99	(1.40)	2.59
Neylon	6.947	\$ 24,700	1986/87 @ 100%	-	(0.59)	(0.59)
			1987/88 @ 75%	0.09	(0.95)	(0.86)
			1988/89 @ 50%	0.18	(1.10)	(0.92)
			1989/90 @ 25%	0.27	(1.25)	(0.98)
			1990/91 @ 0%	0.36	(1.40)	(1.04)

The Board also believes that some Bendigo producers may be able to specialize in free range egg production which will command a significant premium in the market place and will more than offset any additional cost to Bendigo producers as the transport subsidy is withdrawn.

There are also areas, such as Swan Hill and Kerang, where local producers will be encouraged to grade and pack their own eggs to supply local supermarkets. This will save transport costs, (the eggs currently go to Bendigo for grading and then back to Swan Hill and Kerang for sale) and improve egg quality to the consumer due to the reduction in egg handling.

The Board believes that the above proposals will lead to more efficient egg distribution and cost benefits to all producers generally.

Yours faithfully,
THE VICTORIAN EGG MARKETING BOARD


ALAN HARRISON
General Manager