

# EGG FARMERS OF VICTORIA

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WITH COMPLIMENTS OF  
MICHAEL JOHN M.P.  
MEMBER FOR BENDIGO EAST

Dear Sir,

Proposed changes to the dockage charges on eggs

I refer to your letter of 14th May, on the above matter.

The Board has recently reconsidered the program to phase out transport subsidies in the egg industry in the light of submissions made by a delegation from the Commercial Egg Producers Association of Victoria on the 7th May, 1986.

While the Board accepts that dockage has been an intergral part of the orderly marketing system since 1937, it now believes that transport subsidies are completely inappropriate in today's environment. Transport subsidies hide the true cost of producing eggs in areas that are away from the market and they add to administration costs which must be levied against all producers. Victoria is the only State still paying transport subsidies and in comparison with New South Wales where transport subsidies were withdrawn overnight 18 months ago the gradual phase out of subsidies will provide time for producers to adjust to the new arrangements.

The Victorian Board believes that the time table already announced for a gradual phase out of transport subsidies, with eggs produced in the Bendigo area facing a phase out of subsidies over 4 years including the retention of a full subsidy in 1986/87 is as much delay as can be justified.

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