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Mr. D. Veteri,
Rural Affairs Officer,
Department of Agriculture & Rural Affairs,
P.O. Box 125,
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Dear Mr. Veteri,

The Commercial Egg Producers' Association requests the Rural Affairs Committee of the State Parliament to receive a deputation of 4 members from this Association to discuss the future of the Egg Industry.

We are worried over The Public Bodies Review Committee's report into the Egg Industry, and also very concerned over the effect of deregulation on country egg producers and the family farm. This Committee has moved from an Egg Board Inquiry to a complete egg industry inquiry. We want to be able to study the report before any action is taken.

Our Association would like to discuss with you our submission to the Prices Commissioner as there are many items that are incorrect, and the cost of production figures will never be right until the base figures are corrected.

The future of the Bendigo Egg Grading Floor is of vital concern to producers in this area, as it would only need a few producers to be forced out of business and The Crystal Egg Floor could close.

There is a whisper that Goodman Fieldler plan to take over Ingham's operation. Ingham's supply a large percentage of the Australian chicken trade and any take over should be viewed with caution.

If you should require any further information on this subject you may contact myself on phone 395316, or the President Mr. Ron Robins, phone 742371.

Hoping that it will be possible for you to arrange this deputation in the very near future,

Yours sincerely,

K. Fitzgibbon,
SECRETARY.