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19th May, 1988.

Att :- Mark Cohnie.

Dear Sir,

A brief report on an experience our representative on the Advisory Council to the Minister of Agriculture on egg industry problems.

This committee meets every two months and our representative is Dennis Oakes.

At the meeting two months ago, Dennis move a motion recommending the Prices Commissioner, Prof. Fels, be removed from the pricing of eggs, but the motion lapsed for the want of a seconder.

Our Association was dissappointed with this result and submitted a motion in writing to the next meeting. The motion being :- That this council considers Prof. Fels unsuitable and impractical to act as Prices Commissioner, having power to recommend a fair and reasonable return for the production of eggs in Victoria.

His figures and statements are totally unacceptable to all producers in this state. He should be removed. Moved Dennis Oakes and Bert Kinnersley.

Don Foster spoke against the motion.

When the motion was put, the Broiler men and the Department of Agriculture men did not vote.

Voting for the motion was Oakes and Kinnersley, against was Don Foster and Ross Davies, both V.F.F. members. The chairman did not vote so the motion was lost again.

We must find out whether the V.F.F. executive have a different policy on egg pricing to the rank and file members.

The three producer members on the Egg Board all come from the V.F.F. executive.

There is no point in considering holding further protest meetings on egg pricing until we have resolved the problems with the V.F.F. and the Egg Marketing Board.

We would like you to read this letter in full to the meeting on the 19th May.

Yours sincerely,

Ron Robins,  
President of the Commercial  
Egg Producers Association.