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Dear Mr. Fitzgibbon


The Premier has asked me to write to you in connection with your letter concerning uniform egg stamping.

Mr. Greiner would like to clarify that the issue of uniform egg stamping throughout Australia is not being pursued through the Special Premiers' Conference forum. Rather a consistent national approach to egg packaging, labelling and health standards is being advanced through the Australian Agricultural Council, whose member Ministers are drawn from all States.

As to the progress made in this regard, the Council recently referred the development of national grading and packaging standards for eggs to the National Food Authority and the Authority's recommendations will then be submitted to the National Food Standards Council for endorsement as a national food standard. This approach conforms with the agreement between the Commonwealth and States to ensure uniformity of food standards throughout Australia.

As the National Food Standards Council is comprised of Ministers from the Commonwealth and all States, you may wish to raise the issue with the Victorian member Minister. I trust that this information has been of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely


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