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Dear Mr Fitzgibbon

I refer to your letter of 23 May 1991 in which you express concerns about the proposal by the New South Wales Government that nationally uniform egg grading and packaging regulations should apply throughout Australia.

My late response to you is due to a number of changes to regulations and standards being considered at state and national levels.

I understand that Australian Agricultural Council is considering the matter and has asked the recently established National Food Authority to consider whether a number of matters relating to eggs should be added to the national food safety standards to protect the interests of consumers.

I understand the concerns of your members that they will have to compete for markets with producers in other States. However, I support the move towards nationally uniform or recognised standards as a means of removing impediments to trade, not only in eggs but in other commodities, as an important factor in enabling the further development of the national economy.

Yours sincerely

(J C Bannon)