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Environmental Guidelines

AGM 01 That the Association endeavour to ensure that Environmental Guidelines are produced in conjunction with the EPA that are cost effective, appropriate to efficient continuation of the industry, and allow for continuous improvement themes to be addressed.

AGM 01 These guidelines will separately address issues of "greenfield" sites and existing operations and will take into account current levels of technology and vexatious complainants.

AGM 01 The Association endeavour to ensure that standards are set that are technically achievable, objective and measurable. It will endeavour to ensure that appropriate dispute mechanisms are agreed with Local government and the EPA that are consistent, fair and recognise the need for continuing agricultural production.

Export opportunities

AGM 01 That the Association endeavour to bring to the attention of governments and processors opportunities for export of poultry meat products and limitations to the development of such an export market.

Import Risk Analysis

AGM 01 That the Association ensure that:

(a) any importation of chicken meat as may be allowed in protocols by AQIS must be subject to rigorous, transparent scientific investigation to exclude exotic animal diseases as well as any risk to public health. AQIS should consult widely with industry and other groups and should commission such research as necessary to allow appropriate degrees of confidence in the result.

(b) any outbreak of disease, human or animal, resulting or likely to have resulted from importation of chicken meat on AQIS protocols should be subject to appropriate government compensation agreements to minimise the impact to the poultry industry.

(c) any importation protocol produced by AQIS that is subject to WTO or other international challenge will be subject to full, transparent, scientific and other defence by government after appropriate consultation with all relevant industry groups.

(d) importation risk assessments for edible products of animal/birds that may have a bearing on decisions made for poultry or chicken meat will be subject to transparent review in consultation with all relevant poultry industry groups.

Landuse Planning

AGM 01 That the Association work towards a consistent approach to planning for new and extensions to poultry farming operations across local and State government through development of scientifically valid standards and buffers.

Operational Deed

AGM 05 The members at the Poultry Meat AGM endorse the Draft Poultry Meat Contingency Fund Operational Deed and that the CPG abide by the deed to give confidence to growers upon request for contributions or use of the fund.

Return on Investment

AGM 01 That the Association at every opportunity negotiate improved returns on investment for poultry meat farmers through representations to industry groups, legislative support to provide countervailing power, negotiations regarding farm equipment levels and advice to delegate negotiating groups.

Right to Farm

AGM 01 That the Association seek to implement legislation that ensures the rights of farmers to continue to operate on approved DA's without interference from government bodies, and that were this does occur there will be appropriate compensation for loss of economic or capital value.

AGM 01 That the Association develop in conjunction with Local Government, a "buyer beware" policy and legally binding statements that can be used by local government across the state to make prospective buyers in semi-urban and rural areas aware of the normal impact of farming operations and social amenity issues associated with these operations.

Supermarket Power

AGM 01 That the Association participate in community discussion that brings to the attention of governments and the community the extent of retail concentration and the issues that this raises in terms of equitable sharing of the profits of primary production.

Traceability

AGM 05 That the CPG recommend to State Conference, as an urgency motion, that NSW Farmers Association

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lobby the federal government to ensure that any free trade agreement include country of origin traceability and responsibility for any disease introduced into Australia from the importation of any agricultural product.