

# Eggs

## Animal Health

### Emergency Animal Diseases Proposal

That the NSW Farmers' Association oppose the sharing for the Funding of Emergency Animal Diseases proposal in its current form.

### Newcastle Disease

That the NSW Farmers' Association Egg Producers Committee support the AEIA in the vaccination of V4 for the protection from Newcastle disease in all areas.

That the Association ask the Australian Egg Industry Association to request Australian Quarantine Inspection Service (or the appropriate body) to place great emphasis on thoroughly tracking the source of the Newcastle Disease outbreaks in NSW in 1998 and 1999.

### Veterinary Services

That NSW Farmers' Association Egg Producers support AECL in making applications for Minor Use Permits with the Australian Pesticide and Veterinary Medicine Authority on a needs basis.

## Animal Welfare

### Code of Practice

#### AGM 2008

That the Egg Producers' Committee lobby AECL, State and Federal Governments to try and bring together national uniformity for layer hen regulations across all states.

#### AGM 2008

That the Egg Producers' Committee makes the Minister for Primary Industries aware of the investment and commitment that egg producers are making through the installation of new sheds and cages that comply with the amended layer hen regulations given the undertaking in 2000 for the 20 year commercial life for cages.

#### AGM2008

That the Egg Producers' Committee requests that the Minister for Primary Industries alerts producers to the fact that RSPCA inspectors have been trained on the amended layer hen regulations and that they will be doing on farm inspections to ensure that cages comply with the regulations.

That Egg Producers scrutinise the draft regulations when available with a means to phase out non-compliant production to 2008 in an orderly way.

That Egg Producers hold regional meetings in combination with committee meetings to encourage information exchange to growers on the Food Act and the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act.

That the Association work towards having all egg producing members complying with the Code of Practice and lodging an Animal Care Statement.

That the Association request that the NFF use all means possible to prevent the circumvention of the spirit of the Mutual Recognition Act by the ACT Legislative Assembly particularly in relation to the current debate on caged egg production.

That the Association lobby the NSW Government to deliver the regulations for layer cages within POCTA as soon as possible.

### Communication

That the NSW Farmers' Association Egg Producers' Committee ensure that the relationship with the RSPCA has the aim of improving understanding and bird welfare.

That the NSW Farmers' Association Egg Producers Committee continues to improve relationship and understanding with the RSPCA and responsible elements of other welfare groups.

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## Committee

That the NSW Farmers' Association Egg Producers' Committee use the Egg Industry Structural Package to entice members to the Association.

## Environment

The Egg Industry calls on relevant government departments to review environmental and other regulations that are designed to achieve a benefit for the entire community but have a significant cost for individual farm businesses.

## Environment

### Industry Restructure

That NSW Farmers' Association support a NSW industry and Government steering committee to define a way forward for restructure at the State level and recommend other strategies to the Australian Government.

### Land Use Planning

That the Association oppose current proposals on Load Based Licensing and ensure that future proposals:

- (a) do not allow egg producers to be used to raise revenue for NSW Government.
- (b) have a maximum registration fee not associated with size (say \$200).
- (c) define pollution (ie. nuisance leaving farm)
- (d) involve a polluter pay system
- (e) adopt a principle of no pollution, no pay.
- (f) give due recognition to the geographic location of farms.

That the Association continue its close monitoring of the EPA's activities with regards to Load Based Licensing and in particular policy involving odour, dust and noise.

That the Association highlight to the NSW Minister for Agriculture about the near impossibility of commencing new intensive agricultural production operations or relocating existing operations, due to planning regulations, and seek his support to have such regulations substantially modified.

## Legislation

It was resolved that NSW Farmers Association lobby the NSW Government to deliver the regulations for layer cages within POCTA immediately.

NSW Farmers' Association Egg Producers welcomes the decision by Primary Industries Ministerial Council for a national levy to provide structural adjustment assistance to egg producers whose cages do not meet the 1995 Code of Practice and supports a consumer levy rather than a chick levy.

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That the Association support the Australian Egg Industry to retain a viable efficient and competitive industry to supply the needs of consumers as directed by the market in accordance with current Code of Practice; and seek ARMCANZ to be asked to make decisions based on sound scientific research and not yield to pressure from minority groups based on emotion and misinformation which threatens the future stability of agriculture.

That NSW Farmers' Association Egg Producers Committee closely monitor the wording and implementation of the proposed ARMCANZ legislation by the NSW Government.

### AC 05

That NSW Farmers' Association vigorously pursue sustainability for the egg industry within NSW legislation that enshrines a twenty (20) year commercial cage life from the time of completion of installation for all cages in existence in NSW and that at the end of the twenty (20) year life cages must be modified or replaced to comply with the welfare standard at the time.

### AC 05

That the NSW Government finance, the dismantling and destruction of cages over twenty (20) years old and non compliant with the 4th Edition of the Code to the value of \$5 up to 2006, \$3 up to 2007 and \$1 up to 2008 on a per bird basis. (Motion 3)

### AC 05

That the Egg Producers Committee look at further options and details for a financial incentive to dismantle and destroy cages as per Motion 3 above, and to involve AECL on the modelling of these options.

## Industry Quarantine

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import risk assessment based on transparent and rigorous science will not be compromised for economic stability and continued market access for other manufactured goods.

In view of the Senate inquiry reports on the Import Risk Analysis (IRA) of pig meat, apples and bananas and the admission by Biosecurity Australia (BA) of errors in the Banana and Apple IRA's, the egg producers of NSW calls on Australian Egg Industry Association to lobby for an independent peer review of all future IRA's developed by BA.

## **International Trade**

### **Multilateral and Bilateral Trade Agreements**

That Australian Egg Industry Association opposes the egg commodity to be used as a trade off in any bilateral or multilateral trade agreements.

## **Livestock Marketing**

### **Labelling**

That AECL be approached to come up with some key statements on the beneficial properties of eggs as a basis for promoting eggs through egg carton labelling.

### **Pricing**

That the NSW Farmers' Association Egg Producers' Committee with the Association ensure that a greater share of the consumer dollar goes back to producers.

### **Quality Assurance**

That New South Wales Farmers' Association Egg Producers' Committee liaise with Safefood Australia and AFFA to obtain total compliance with National Quality Assurance Program by making regulation to have all eggs sold covered by recognised Quality Assurance Programs.

That the NSW Farmers' Association Egg Producers Committee support the National Generic Egg Marketing Initiative.

That the NSW Farmers' Association Egg Producers Committee continues to monitor the new Code of Practice and Quality assurance Scheme.

## **Peak Industry Body**

### **Australian Egg Corporation Limited**

That AECL be asked to develop a policy for industry discussions on how to fund the consumer levy.

That the NSW Farmers' Association Egg Producers Committee take an active role in the transition period from the AEIA to the AECL.