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Animal Welfare Standards Public Consultation  
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Dear Sir / Madam

RE Land Transport of Livestock

As the peak representative body for Egg Producers in Queensland, we hereby provide the following comment for submission in the consultation process.

Section B10 – Specific requirements for the land transport of Poultry provides exceptions to handling methods for “chicken breeder birds” under SB10.6.i.

There is no difference in structure, function, husbandry and life expectancy of a “chicken breeder bird” to that of a layer bird, yet this particular bird been “allowed” to be carried by the base of both wings?

This is clear discrimination against layer birds – we therefore request that the same handling requirements are applied to both types of birds.

We are also concerned by the wording used in section GB10.26 “A breast support slide should be used”. In the previous version of the model code of Practice for the Land Transport of Poultry, the use of a breast support slide was only a suggestion based on work done in Europe. By using the word “should” it is implied that it is compulsory. The QEFA does not support the compulsory use of a breast support slide, without due and proper consultation with industry and based on sound scientific findings.

Sincerely

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Chairperson