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Dear Sir/Madam

In relation to the public consultation for the draft Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Poultry and the associated Consultation Regulation Impact Statement (C-RIS), the Northern Territory (NT) Department of Primary Industry and Resources makes the following submission.

The NT does not have commercial poultry industry of significance and we are dependent on the import of eggs and poultry products which are a major food consumption area. Bird welfare is of significant community interest in the NT.

The Department seeks the best welfare outcomes for poultry consistent with agreed community values.

The Department supports Option C in the C-RIS – the standards as drafted, acknowledging the significant estimated cost to industry with these standards and the opportunity for the consumer to make informed purchasing choices.

Yours sincerely



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