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Question: BET 74

Topic: Australian Egg Corporation

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Senator RHIANNON asked:

Senator RHIANNON: The Australian Egg Corporation has applied to be allowed to label and trademark free range eggs from hens kept to a density of 20,000 a hectare. How does this compare with the current standard that describes free range eggs?

Mr Gregson: I might hand over to Richard Chadwick.

Mr Chadwick: You are correct; we are currently establishing a certification trademark, which has been lodged with us. We have begun consultation on that process with interested parties in terms of their standard.

Senator RHIANNON: I was interested in which community groups. I understand you have invited some groups to comment on the AEC's application. Which groups are they?

Mr Chadwick: Again, I am afraid I did not bring that list with me either.

Senator RHIANNON: Can you take that on notice, please?

Answer:

The ACCC has written to the following parties in respect of the Australian Egg Corporation's certification trade mark application:

- Aldi Australia
- Animal Health Australia
- Animals Australia Inc
- Barristers Animal Welfare Panel
- CHOICE
- CSIRO – Livestock Industries
- Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- Department of Primary Industries (Victoria)
- Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and the Environment (Tasmania)
- Free Range Egg and Poultry Association of Australia Inc (FREPA Inc)
- Free Range Egg and Poultry Australia Ltd (FREPA Ltd)
- Free Range Farmers Association Inc
- Humane Society International/Humane Choice
- Metcash Limited
- NSW Farmers Association
- NSW Food Authority
- PIRSA Food Safety Program (South Australia)

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- Queensland Egg Farmers Association Inc
- RSPCA Australia Inc
- Safe Food Queensland
- The Commercial Egg Producers' Association of Western Australia (Inc)
- Victorian Farmers Federation (Eggs Group)
- Wesfarmers Limited
- Woolworths Limited.

In addition to writing directly to these parties, the ACCC has placed a copy of the letter to interested parties on the ACCC website at <http://www.accc.gov.au/content/index.phtml/itemId/1060311>.