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Agriculture, Resources and Environment Committee
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RE: Public Submission on the Chicken Meat Industry Committee Amendment Bill

The Queensland Chicken Growers Association (QCGA) thanks the AREC for the opportunity to comment on the Chicken Meat Industry Committee Amendment Bill 2014 (herein referred to as 'the Bill').

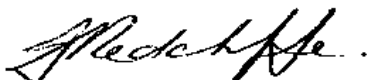
The QCGA support the intention of the Bill to abolish the Chicken Meat Industry Committee (CMIC) and remove the legislative framework for collective bargaining that is provided for under the CMIC Act 1976. However, both processor and grower groups, and individuals, may seek to make their own, separate submissions regarding the Bill's objectives and foreseeable outcomes.

The chicken processing and growing industry is moving forward, through alternative means, in managing the issues traditionally executed by the CMIC. For example, parts of the industry are utilising the processes provided for under the Australia Competition and Consumer Commission jurisdiction in the authorisation of negotiations and for the management of disputes with regards to direct contract considerations.

The transitional arrangements, emerging from the abolishment of both the CMIC and associated frameworks, will need to be worked through to mitigate any impact to the industry of this structural change. However, the QCGA anticipate that these arrangements should not pose a problem for the industry and QCGA members are committed to progressing with the reform in its current form.

Once again, the QCGA appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Bill. For further information related to this submission, please contact QCGA President Jodie Redcliffe on (07) 3837 4767.

Yours sincerely,



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