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RE: Inquiry into the Biosecurity Bill 2012 and the Inspector-General of Biosecurity Bill 2012

Dear Mr Palethorpe,

Thank you for your Committee's invitation to make a submission regarding the Biosecurity Bill 2012 and the Inspector-General of Biosecurity Bill 2012 currently being considered by the Committee.

The Australian Chicken Growers Council Ltd (ACGC) represents the interests of contract poultry meat growers through six state organisations which are the;

New South Wales Farmers Association Poultry Meat Group
Queensland Chicken Growers Association Inc.
South Australian Farmers Federation Poultry Meat Group.
Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association Chicken Meat Group.
Victorian Farmers Federation Chicken Meat Group.
Western Australian Broiler Growers Association Inc.

ACGC is itself a member of the industry peak body the Australian Chicken Meat Federation (ACMF).

ACGC fully supports and endorses the issues raised in the ACMF submission and shares the concerns expressed about those issues and their likely impacts if not appropriately addressed. On these grounds ACGC has not provided a separate submission

However, there is one matter that has not been covered in the ACMF submission and that is the matter relating to how changes to the Acceptable Level of Protection will be made (ALOP). The new Bill proposes that any change to the level of risk used to assess the likely impact of the importation of a product will be a decision made by the Parliament. We would hope that there

would be robust and transparent process put in place to ensure that the members of Parliament are fully conversant with the issues and likely impact of any decision they make.

ACGC would be happy to meet with the committee if the opportunity arose.

Yours sincerely

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