

29th July 2019

The Commercial Egg Producers Association (WA) submission for the
'Inquiry into Private Property Rights'

Dear Standing Committee,

The Commercial Egg Producers Association (WA) (CEPA) is the leading representative body for West Australian commercial egg producers. CEPA members produce approximately 75 per cent of eggs in Western Australia using caged, barn and free-range production methods.

The objectives of the Association are to proactively represent and promote the best interests of Commercial Egg Producers in dealings with Government, non-government bodies and their representatives and to secure uniformity of action on matters affecting the common interest of Commercial Egg Producers.

CEPA welcome the opportunity to make a submission to the standing Committee as land ownership plays an integral part in WA's egg producer's businesses. As the market demand for eggs continues to increase, producers are continually looking to expand and to source new sites for their farms. Those producers need to be aware of any encumbrances with regards to land being bought that may hinder the use of that land or may cause a negative economical effect.

CEPA support reference E with regards to the inquiry for the Standing Committee for all matters described (A- D) to be held as its terms of reference and to report their findings in March 2020. CEPA believe that legislative changes are needed to protect the rights of landholders and compensation to those whose land and/or livelihoods are affected by the process of their property being used for conservation.

Thank you

Regards,

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The Commercial Egg Producers Association (WA)