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CONFERENCE OF THE STATE MARKETING BOARDS OF NEW SOUTH WALES, QUEENSLAND, VICTORIA AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA HELD ON 15TH TO 17TH AUGUST, 1945.

SUMMARY OF MAIN RESOLUTIONS.

1. This Conference is in accord with the proposal that a central authority should be set up with the power to direct the marketing of eggs and egg products.
2. It is the opinion of the Conference that the Central Body should comprise one member from each of the existing State Egg Marketing Boards, such member to be appointed by his own Board, and that the Central Body should have power to admit one representative of any State in which there is no Board, on being satisfied that such State is capable of carrying out all the conditions required by the Central Body. Each State representative shall have one vote.
3. The Central Body to be formed by agreement. Notice of withdrawal from the agreement shall be eighteen months, which period shall run from 1st July in any year, but such notice shall be intimated at least twenty-eight days before the 1st July. In the event of any State giving such notice other States shall then be entitled to give notice at any time on or before the 1st July.
4. The State authorities shall carry out the functions provided for in their respective State Acts, and in accordance with the Agreement with the central authority.

PROPOSED SCHEME FOR IMPLEMENTING THE ABOVE.

In order to give effect to the above proposals Conference decided that a scheme based upon the following points be fully explored as soon as possible:-

1. That a corporation be established to be referred to tentatively as AUSTRALIAN CO-OPERATIVE EGG PRODUCERS LTD., to be registered in the Australian Capital Territory.
2. The shareholders of the Company to comprise the existing State Egg Marketing Boards.
3. The Board of Directors of the Company to consist of one member from each State.
4. The Company to purchase the whole egg production of each State at current wholesale prices less an agreed amount per dozen.
5. The Company will purchase eggs at such uniform prices as are financially practicable from time to time, regardless of where the eggs are sold.

6. The Company will regulate the flow of eggs between States, and will determine the quantity of eggs to be processed.
7. The Company will control and regulate Overseas Exports.
8. The Boards will carry out in their respective States the work of receiving and handling eggs and accounting to producers, either through their own organisation or through sub-agents.
9. That the State Marketing Boards within their respective States will retain all their rights and privileges as Boards operating under Statute, agreeing only to carry out at the direction of the Company such of their functions as are essential to the common interests of the egg producers of Australia.
10. The Company shall be a non-profit making organisation, returning its surplus funds annually to its constituent members, after retaining such sums as the Board of Directors considers necessary for prudent finance.

ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTION.

It was also considered that an alternative suggestion to the foregoing should be examined in the event of the first scheme being found to be impracticable, viz:- The Boards should contribute from their funds to a common pool for purposes of stabilisation or for such other purpose as the central authority may consider expedient or necessary.

It was realised that amendments to existing State Marketing Acts would be necessary in some States to enable the above suggestion to be put into effect.
