



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT TRANSFORMS AGRIBUSINESS**

Egg Farmers of Australia, the national industry development organisation for egg farmers congratulates the Premier and Queensland Government, on the COVID-19 economic recovery package released this week.

The \$12.5 million funding package will be instrumental in agribusinesses, \$5.5 million of this that is specifically allocated to digital transformation. Traceability, Biosecurity and Food Safety are important elements of supply chains and any improvement to digital auditing for the egg industry is welcomed. Funding is also allocated to furthering agricultural trade and agribusiness diversification.

Egg Farmers of Australia Queensland Director, Mr John Coward, a member of the joint working group of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries and Industry addressing the recovery from COVID 19 said "the group appointed by Minister Furner was instrumental in putting forward practical solutions for recovery".

Mr Coward said "any advancement in digital technologies to assist egg producers to streamline their business is a great help both economically and from a labour perspective".

The Australian Eggs industry produces 17 million eggs daily and contributes \$1.8 billion dollars contribution to the Australian economy.

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