

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on Free Range Egg Labelling.

Because most peoples idea of what constitutes “free range” is different there needs to be a standard legally enforceable definition so that when I buy a “free range” egg I have certainty as to the conditions under which the egg was laid. I can then make up my mind whether that satisfies my requirements and either purchase them or not. I don’t want to have to read detailed descriptions on the box, just whether the eggs satisfy the legal definition or not. If the producer exceeds some requirements then they should be permitted to say so.

I favour option 2a in the Discussion Paper which provides certainty to the producer and the consumer.

The key requirements for me are:

Realistic access to outdoors along the lines of the current case law.

Stocking Density outside – max 1500/ha

Stocking Density inside

Some green shelter must be provided.