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Thank you for your letter to members of the Parliamentary Labor Party regarding the Primary Industries Bill. As advised by Jenny Mikakos, I am replying to your letter of concerns about aspects of the Bill.

As you will have seen from the Hansard, my colleague, Jaala Pulford, addressed the issues from the State Parliamentary Labor Party's perspective in her contribution to the debate on 9th October as shown in the attached link:

[http://tex.parliament.vic.gov.au/bin/texhtmlt?form=jVicHansard.dumpall&db=hansard91&dodraft=0&house=COUNCIL&speech=37005&activity=Second+Reading&title=PRIMARY+INDUSTRIES+AND+FOOD+LEGISLATION+AMENDMENT+BILL+2012&date1=9&date2=October&date3=2012&query=true%0a%09and+%28+data+contains+'eggs'+%29%0a%09and+%28+members+contains+'PULFORD'+%29%0a%09and+%28+hdate.hdate\\_3+=+2012+%29%0a](http://tex.parliament.vic.gov.au/bin/texhtmlt?form=jVicHansard.dumpall&db=hansard91&dodraft=0&house=COUNCIL&speech=37005&activity=Second+Reading&title=PRIMARY+INDUSTRIES+AND+FOOD+LEGISLATION+AMENDMENT+BILL+2012&date1=9&date2=October&date3=2012&query=true%0a%09and+%28+data+contains+'eggs'+%29%0a%09and+%28+members+contains+'PULFORD'+%29%0a%09and+%28+hdate.hdate_3+=+2012+%29%0a)

has advised that there is sufficient parliamentary oversight as SARC can recommend disallowance;

In essence our argument was that national consistency is important; that codes are developed over long period with scientific and other expert input and that there was an opportunity for detailed community input that stage.

On that basis the Labor Party voted to support the proposition before the House on 11th October rather than Sue Pennicuik's alternative proposition.

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