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Dear Mr Gill,

The Australian Egg Industry Association is the peak industry organisation for Australia's commercial egg producers, egg products manufacturers and egg marketing organisations.

On behalf of members of AEIA, I wish to express our sincere appreciation for the valuable assistance provided by the Volunteer Rescue Association during the emergency response to the virulent Newcastle disease virus outbreak which occurred on Mangrove Mountain earlier this year.

This outbreak was devastating for those producers and growers directly affected. However, through the efforts of your organisation an effective response was mobilised for the removal and slaughter of birds and decontamination, disinfection and rehabilitation of infected farms.

This response demonstrated an extraordinarily high level of commitment and the determination required to ensure affected by the outbreak have the opportunity to resume normal operations.

AEIA trusts that all affected producers and growers will be able to resume normal business operations and, in so doing, again contribute to the vibrant, diverse and dynamic Central Coast community.

Once again, thank you for your support during this difficult time.

Yours faithfully,

Hugh McMaster  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**