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Dear Sir/Madam,

Recent claims by animal activist Jenny Forster (Letters to the Editor, October 30) deserve clarification.

New Zealand egg producers - like Ms Forster - do not support rogue operators who fail to meet the Animal Welfare (Layer Hen) Code of Welfare 2005.

Ms Foster states that the New Zealand Food Safety Authority is only checking from one angle, and that they are not checking for welfare. While NZFSA staff are primarily responsible for checking the Risk Management Programmes of farms with regard to food safety, they do also check the welfare of the birds. Where NZFSA staff have serious concerns about the welfare of the birds, they refer the case to the MAF Compliance and Enforcement Group for further, more detailed investigation, and prosecution, if necessary.

This is a position the Egg Producer's Federation actively encourages, and we are proud to support this initiative.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Brooks

**Executive Director**