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Guy Barnett, Minister for Primary Industries and Water

Supporting Tasmanian egg producers

In the wake of a nationwide recall on some Victorian eggs due to a salmonella outbreak, I would like to assure Tasmanians this does not affect our locally grown eggs and encourage consumers to buy Tasmanian.

The recent egg recall is in place for eggs produced at a specific site in Victoria – and it DOES NOT affect eggs grown by Tasmanian producers.

Tasmanians and those around the rest of the country can continue to buy Tasmanian eggs with confidence.

In the latest Tasmanian Agri-food scorecard 2016-17, Tasmania's egg production was worth \$17.8 million, an increase of 7 percent in value from the previous year.

This industry is one of many which we are working with as we strive to achieve our target of increasing the farm gate value of Tasmania's agriculture sector to \$10 billion by 2050.

In Tasmania the commercial production of eggs for human consumption is regulated under the Egg Food Safety Scheme, which implements national food standards, biosecurity measures and provides the ability to trace eggs.

As part of reducing the risk of local contamination from the bacteria, it is important for anyone who may have eggs that are the subject of the recall to either return them as identified in the recall notice or dispose of the eggs and cartons in the rubbish.