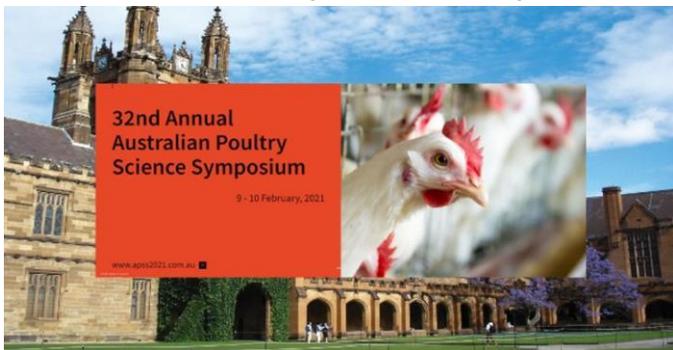




The Land: Chicken growers welcome further ACCC investigation

On 22nd December NSW's rural-focus newspaper The Land published a short item on the reaction of chicken growers to the ACCC's Final Report on its Perishable Agricultural Goods Inquiry. The article, which includes thoughts from a Northern Rivers (NSW) ex-grower, NSW Farmers and ACGC, can be found [here](#).

COVID-19 forces the 2021 Australian Poultry Science Symposium (APSS2021) to take place on-line only



Growers interested in APSS2021, scheduled for the 9th and 10th of February, should know that in light of the ongoing unpredictability surrounding COVID-19 restrictions and border closures, last week the Organising Committee decided that APSS2021 will now be a totally **VIRTUAL ONLY** Conference.

More details on the programme and how the event management platform will operate will be available later this month at [APSS 2021](#).

UK welfare groups pushing for reduction of intensive farming in Britain

Last week it was announced that British animal-welfare activists intend to legally challenge their government to force a major decrease in intensive livestock farming in the UK.

With British RSPCA members voting at the recent AGM for their organisation to push for the UK to consume much less meat and dairy products, a like-minded group called Humane Being is trying to raise £60,000 from the public to fund their legal case aimed at the winding back of intensive animal farming.

They claim that such farming is a major cause of greenhouse gas emissions and risks starting new pandemics by spreading viruses, as well as causing deforestation, animal cruelty and antibiotic resistance.

You can read more about this [here](#).

Vic. Govt.'s 'Green Wedge' planning consultation

The great majority of Victorian chicken production takes place within 100km of the Melbourne CBD, particularly within 'Green Wedge' areas. These are the areas of land outside Melbourne's Urban Growth Boundary that support a range of non-urban uses, including farming. Melbourne has 12 green wedges spanning 17 municipalities, forming a ring around the city.

The Victorian Government is reviewing its planning policy for the Green Wedges, with the aim of protecting current landuse and preventing urbanisation, in order to 'keep farmland surrounding the city working and producing for generations to come.' The consultation period closes on 5th February and ACGC will make a submission in support of the government's

intentions, but if you are a grower within a Green Wedge, or even if you are outside the Wedges but within the 100km Melbourne radius, please consider making your own submission. For more information and to have your say, please visit [Engage Victoria](#).

Summary report on Australian poultry odour research now available

In October 2020 AgriFutures published **Summarised findings from Australian poultry odour research (2005-2018)**, by Mark Dunlop and Michael Atzeni of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Queensland. The paper is an early step toward a broad review of the overall knowledge that has been developed to date, taking stock of the achievements and challenges, and planning the path forward to address emerging and unresolved issues. Continuing research on poultry odour is integral to addressing community concerns, reducing the potential for odour effects and supporting sustainable growth of the chicken meat industry. You can download the paper [here](#).