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AGRICULTURAL AND VETERINARY CHEMICALS AMENDMENT BILL 1994

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by authority of the Minister for Primary Industries and Energy, Senator the Hon Bob Collins)

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GENERAL OUTLINE

- 1. The proposed amendment to the <u>Agricultural and</u> <u>Veterinary Chemicals Act 1994</u> (the Act) extends the commencement date of the Act from 15 March 1995 to 1 July 1995, if not proclaimed sooner.
- 2. The amendment is necessary to provide additional time for two States to pass legislation adopting the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code.
- 3. Upon commencement of the Act, six other cognate agricultural and veterinary chemical Acts will also commence, and bring into effect the National Registration Scheme for Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

4. The amendment proposed in this Bill will have no significant impact on Government expenditure and will have no staffing implications for the Primary Industries and Energy portfolio.

NOTES ON CLAUSES

<u>Clause 1 - Short title</u>

5. When enacted the Bill may be cited as the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Amendment Act 1994.

<u> Clause 2 - Commencement</u>

6. This clause provides for the Bill to commence on the day it receives Royal Assent.

Clause 3 - Amendments

7. This clause provides for the <u>Agricultural and</u> <u>Veterinary Chemicals Act 1994</u> to be amended as specified in the Schedule.

SCHEDULE

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Act 1994

Subsection 2(2)

8. This subsection is amended to the effect that if the <u>Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Act 1994</u> does not commence on the day fixed by Proclamation before 1 July 1995, it commences on that day.



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