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DRIED FRUITS LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1990

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by authority of the
Minister for Primary Industries and Energy
the Hon. John Kerin, MP)

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OUTLINE

This Bill contains amendments to the Dried Fruits Levy Act 1971 (the Act).

2. The Act, together with the Dried Fruits Levy Collection Act 1971, provides for the imposition and collection of a levy on dried fruits of a season received for packing in Australia. The funds raised are for dried fruits research and development and to provide for the operation of the Dried Fruits Research Council (the Council).

3. Currently, the Act, under paragraph 6(1)(a) sets the maximum rate of levy for dried vine fruits at \$5.00 per tonne. The amendment, at the request of the industry and the Council, increases the maximum rate of the levy for dried vine fruits to \$10.00 per tonne. This increase will accommodate the continuation of a rolling program of increases to the operative levy rate for dried vine fruits research and development.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

4. Additional funds for research and development raised by the dried fruits industry through increased levy receipts will be matched by the Commonwealth on a dollar for dollar basis up to 0.5% of the average annual gross value of production of that industry.

NOTES ON INDIVIDUAL CLAUSES

Clause 1 - Short title

5. Short title of the Act for citation purposes.

Clause 2 - Commencement

6. The Act will come into operation on the day on which it receives Royal Assent.

Clause 3 - Rate of Levy

7. The maximum rate of levy for dried vine fruits is raised from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per tonne.

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