THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EXOTIC ANIMAL DISEASE CONTROL BILL 1989

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Amendments to be Moved on Behalf of the Government

(1) Functions

Subclause 7(2) of the Bill would require that in performance of its function, the Council will comply with any direction of the Minister, but that the Council may also act on its own motion.

This amendment to subclause 7(2) of the Bill will require that in performance of its function, the Council will comply with any written direction of the Minister, but that the Council may also act on its own motion.

(2) Functions

This amendment will add a new subclause (3) to clause 7 of the Bill that will require the Minister to table, in both Houses of Parliament, as soon as practicable, a copy of any written direction given under subclause 7(2).

(3) Amendment of Wool Marketing Act 1987

Clause 33 makes consequential amendments in relation to the wool industry's contribution to the Exotic Animal Disease Preparedness Trust Account. Subclause 33(3) inserts after section 53 of the Wool Marketing Act 1987, section 53A which requires the Australian Wool Corporation to pay the prescribed amount to the Account.

This amendment will amend clause 33 of the Bill to insert a new subsection to the Wool Marketing Act 1987 to specify that the Commonwealth shall not prescribe an amount for exotic disease control purposes unless members of the Exotic Animal Disease Preparedness Consultative Council nominated by the National Farmers' Federation have made a recommendation to the Minister in this respect, and regulations shall not be made prescribing an amount greater than the amount last recommended by the members of the Exotic Animal Disease Preparedness Consultative Council nominated by National Farmers' Federation.

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