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FISHERIES ADMINISTRATION BILL 1990

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Amendments and New Clauses to be Moved  
on Behalf of the Government

(Circulated by authority of the Minister for Primary  
Industries and Energy, the Hon Simon Crean MP)

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**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

These provisions will have no direct financial impact. AFMA's right to establish its own staff superannuation scheme is not changed, while the new levy Bills are replacements for existing Bills.

**NOTES ON CLAUSES**Clause 69

- 1 This clause is to be omitted. It allowed the Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA) to establish its own staff superannuation scheme. This has been a standard provision for statutory authorities not staffed under the Public Service Act 1922. However the Superannuation Benefits (Supervisory Mechanisms) Act 1990 now gives the Minister for Finance the power to approve separate superannuation schemes for employees of Commonwealth statutory authorities. Clause 69 is therefore redundant.

Clause 81 - Payments of amounts of levy

- 2 This clause previously referred to levy Acts associated with the Fisheries Act 1952. It allowed some of the moneys collected under these Acts to be paid to AFMA. The Fisheries Management Bill 1991 has its own set of levy Bills, these will replace the existing levy Acts as fishing licences etc, issued under the Fisheries Act 1952 expire and are replaced with instruments under the new Bill. This clause has therefore been amended to include all Acts and Bills under which moneys payable to AFMA will be collected.

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